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Tories turn against former leader

Major heads for showdown with Thatcher

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

A TRIAL of strength between John Major and Margaret Thatcher over Europe is now regarded as inevitable by senior Conservatives, in spite of the risk of further splitting the party in the run-up to the general election.

Some of Mrs Thatcher's keenest admirers admit that she went too far in accusing the prime minister of being "arrogant and wrong" in refusing a referendum on monetary union, and they accept that he must be seen to defy her.

One said yesterday: "He has no option now but to tough it out", while another Thatcherite former minister said: "He has to take a firm line now to avoid those 'back seat driver' accusations. She is putting a great strain on the loyalty of her friends."

Other Conservative MPs suggested that her interventions would prove counter-productive, making a deal at the Maastricht summit next month more likely.

Mrs Thatcher certainly appeared to have miscalculated badly in her choice of adjectives for one of the least arrogant of prime ministers in living memory. Mr Major yesterday indicated his bitterness at the attack when he told a meeting in his Huntingdon constituency that it was "difficult to be grey and arrogant at the same time".

The prime minister is said to be furious at the stream of disparaging private remarks from his predecessor, and he shares the view of senior Tory figures that Edward Heath's criticism of her leadership pales into insignificance when compared with the damage she is causing to the government's election prospects. Senior colleagues aim to lower the temperature by trying to arrange a meeting between Mr Major and Mrs Thatcher, their first for some months. But some doubt if the prime minister would countenance it in his present mood.

Norman Tebbit meanwhile added to the pressure on Mr Major by calling for immediate legislation to allow for a referendum on a single European currency. He said the campaign for a plebiscite had the support of "pretty near a majority" of MPs.

Asked in a television interview whether the dispute could cost the Conservatives the election, the former party chairman said: "What am I to say to people — that I do not believe in things that I do believe in? Am I expected to shut up when I see a danger to this country for the sake of party unity? I am not leading a revolt. I am just setting out what I believe in."

To go down the route towards a United States of Europe would be a disaster, and once the conveyor belt was in motion, it would have an almost unstoppable momentum. "I don't want to see that treaty signed at all," he said.

"One of the principles of British political life is that no parliament can bind a successor parliament. Once we have given up our own currency and signed up for this federalist Europe, Parliament has bound its successors. There is no legal way back out of it. The government does not own the people's right to govern themselves. It is the people who own that."

Mr Tebbit said that both he and Mrs Thatcher, to a very large extent, spoke for the voters. Other Thatcherite MPs agreed that some of their constituents shared her Euro-scepticism, but they reported a decline in personal support for the former leader.

One senior Thatcher ally said that Mr Major, Douglas Hurd and Norman Lamont had "bent over backwards" in the two-day Commons debate to accommodate her fears. But her subsequent television attack meant Mr Major would have to come back with a deal from Maastricht if the summit was not to be counted a victory for her. Others believed that her behaviour, in advertising party splits, had increased the pressure on the pound that would in itself make a summit deal vital.

A common complaint among Tory MPs was that Mrs Thatcher, Mr Tebbit and Nicholas Ridley were "delivering us up to the Labour party". Without Mrs Thatcher's television interview, it was suggested, the Tories could have switched the attention to Labour's divisions.

Peter Temple-Morris, Conservative MP for Leominster, said that Mrs Thatcher had "absolutely no credibility" on the issue of Europe and should keep quiet. But Gerald Howarth, MP for Cannock and Burntwood, said it was the "headless chicken" reaction to her remarks that was causing the damage.

Mr Howarth, who called on Mr Major to reject a single currency before the summit, argued that Mrs Thatcher's views were vindicated by a *Sunday Times*/Mori poll indicating that nearly six out of ten people supported a referendum on monetary union. The Scottish Young Conservatives also backed a referendum at their conference in Perth. "Unlike her predecessor she is articulating a view which strikes a popular chord," Mr Howarth said.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, urged Mr Major to challenge Mrs Thatcher head-to-head, while John Smith, the shadow chancellor, denounced the Tory "shambles".

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Prisoner killed in Belfast jail blast

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

ONE man was killed and eight others injured yesterday after an explosion in a dining room at Belfast's top-security Crumlin Road remand prison.

Some of the injured were seriously hurt, according to sources at the prison, which houses republican and loyalist inmates. The dead man was a loyalist prisoner. No prison staff are thought to have been hurt.

One theory is that the blast may be linked to a campaign by loyalist and republican inmates for segregation at the jail. The government has refused to give way to their demands in spite of attacks on inmates and staff.

If, as is likely, the blast was caused by a bomb, it will be a further embarrassment to prison authorities. There was a drastic overhaul of security at Crumlin Road after an attempted breakout by republican prisoners in 1989.

Last night the jail was sealed off when it was feared that the blast could have been part of an escape attempt.

The explosion happened in C-Wing as a number of loyalist prisoners were in the dining area for their evening meal. The jail, opposite Belfast crown court, to which it is linked by an underground tunnel, holds 480 prisoners.

In the past 18 months there have been violent incidents at the jail. Prison staff who tried to break up fights were themselves injured. The goverment has resisted pressure to change its policy because it believes a segregated prison would quickly come under the control of paramilitary groups.

After the 1989 escape attempt a report by the governor of a Scottish prison made 90 recommendations for changes in the way the prison was run.

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Archbishop offers to meet Rushdie

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, offered last night to meet Salman Rushdie in private after the author said he was "extremely upset" by Dr Carey's call for greater tolerance of Muslim distress provoked by his book *The Satanic Verses*.

Mr Rushdie, speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Sunday* programme, criticised the archbishop's "passionate conviction" that Christians should be able to die for another's right to belief in the same way as for their own.

He said: "That seems to me to be a sort of form of approval for spiritual violence and vengeance," he said. "Actually, there's only one person around here who is in any danger of dying. I'm sure the archbishop didn't approve of the Iranian *fatwa* but he didn't exactly condemn it either."

He said that the single thing creating intolerance towards the Muslim community in Britain was the maintenance of the *fatwa* calling for his death.

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TED BATH



Mrs Richter at home in Kew yesterday with, from left, son Anton and daughters Alex and Jeanne



Mr Richter and wife at Heathrow last night

Forgotten prisoner flies back to family

BY TOM GILES

IAN RICHTER, for long Britain's forgotten prisoner to the shifting politics of the Middle East, flew home from Baghdad last night to a tearful reunion with his wife, family and friends, after more than five years in an Iraqi jail.

Mr Richter, aged 45, arrived at Heathrow, looking surprisingly fit and confident as he stepped off a private jet owned by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations envoy into whose custody he was placed after being released.

Cracking jokes and smiling broadly, the South African-born chemical engineer had a kiss for Lynda Chalker, the Overseas Development minister. "Muslims are allowed to have two wives," he said.

There were scenes of joy and relief as Mr Richter was met on the Heathrow tarmac by his wife, Shirley, and daughters, Alex, aged 19, Jeanne, aged 17, and his son Anton, aged 15.

"I really want to look forward now, and not backwards," he said as he embraced his wife. He thanked Prince Sadruddin for his "superb diplomacy", King Hussein of Jordan, the Foreign Office and thousands of supporters who had sent up to 200 letters a week to his Baghdad maximum-security prison.

Mrs Richter said of her husband: "He looks great, just a little too thin. But it's a wonderful day."

Earlier Mrs Richter, like her husband a devout Catholic, had lit a candle of thanksgiving for his freedom at a celebratory mass in their local church of St Winefride's in Kew.

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Serbians' bombardment of Osijek thunders on

Even as yet another ceasefire was agreed federal troops were seeking new victories, Bill Frost reports from Bilje, eastern Croatia

In Rome and Geneva yesterday the talk may have been of the conditions and timetable for a United Nations peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia as Cyrus Vance brokered a new ceasefire deal.

But on the ground in eastern Croatia, federal army troops cheered and gave the clenched-fist salute every time a shell slammed into Osijek, their next objective after the devastation of Vukovar. Many soldiers appeared intoxicated — literally, not metaphorically.

As the bombardment of Osijek thundered on, a small, bearded corporal, brandishing his Kalashnikov and walking unsteadily, shouted: "Soon there will be no Nazis left alive in Osijek. Ceasefire? Why should we stop when the war against the fascists is almost won?"

Mortars, rockets and artillery pounded the city throughout the morning. Casualty reports were sketchy, but at least two people are known to have died, with 110 wounded.

On Saturday, the attack had been even heavier. At Bilje, the front line, the earth shook during a sustained barrage. Salvoes were fired at the rate of ten shells every 30 seconds. The defenders, running short of ammunition as the siege continued, did not return fire. At a once-beautiful honey-coloured farmhouse on the road out of Bilje, Serbian irregulars took cover as Croat snipers opened fire from nearby woodland. The walls were pockmarked by shrapnel.

Milan Malikovic, territorial commander for the Bilje section of the front line, opened another bottle of rough local brandy, drank deeply and explained that a ceasefire was impossible. Sitting in his darkened bunker office playing with an ancient Thompson sub-machinegun, he said: "The UN and the Europeans are interfering in something that does not concern them. Let them talk all they like, but we must clear all this Croatian garbage."

With the bottle emptied, he suggested forcefully that we should test his sub-machinegun outside. As sniper fire cracked near by, he set up a wooden box as a target and emptied the magazine yards wide of the mark.

The commander said the rules of frontline hospitality demanded his guest from *The Times* should fire the weapon, too. He suggested a dog searching for food at the edge of the road would make an ideal target: "He is a Croat dog and should not be here." He fired another burst wide of the mark, and the animal fled.

As the barrage intensified, big yellow flashes could be seen every ten seconds above the field where the Bilje battery had dug in. Branko Ceprnio, a Serb irregular, said: "Ceasefire is woman's talk. Croatian fascism must be stopped. They will never be a republic, they must be a part of Yugoslavia even if we have to storm Zagreb itself."

Mr Ceprnio, who, like so many on the front line had had copious amounts of brandy, gestured towards his companion — a tall man in his 30s playing with a knife. "He is number one cutter of throats. He has had many Croats; he will be slashing many more before this war is over."

Given that similar sentiments have also been expressed by federal army commanders, the prognosis for Yugoslavia's fourteenth ceasefire is not good. More convoys of federal army tanks and artillery pieces were last night crossing the Danube into Croatia.

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Russian nouveaux riches taste good life

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AS ORDINARY Muscovites queued in the icy weekend cold for bread, vodka and life's other essentials, doubtless cursing the increasing misery that their anarchic economy is visiting upon them, a slice of the city's upper crust was indulging in one of the wilder foibles of Western capitalism — the uncorking of the Beaujolais Nouveau.

Last week three Moscow hotels flew in a modest 400 bottles of this year's red baby in order that a few invited guests might enjoy the annual rite, which still amuses them up in Islington, north London, but which to the average Russian can only be a mystery.

The consignment was modest by British standards, but is the largest ever to be shipped to Moscow on the third Thursday in November, the traditional date of the Nouveau's release. The shopper on the Moscow omnibus will see none of it. All three hotels which offered a weekend tasting cater almost exclusively for foreigners with hard currency to spend. "We wanted to show to the international hotel-restaurant business that everything is possible in Moscow," Markku Wahlberg, assistant general manager of the Moscow Savoy, said.

At the Pullman-Iris hotel, a French-Soviet joint venture, the wine's arrival was celebrated with an Alsatian buffet of pigs' feet, baked ham and *quenelles*, not commodities readily available on the empty shelves of the state food stores. At the Moscow Aerostar, whose restaurant is famed for being the only one in town to offer fresh lobster from Nova Scotia, the wine was accompanied by free plates of hors d'oeuvres.

Andrei Agafolov, a former Tass journalist who quickly had his lips around some of the new arrival, suggested that ordinary Muscovites would be astounded at the shenanigans. "In the middle of a starving country, a holiday like this will be something crazy in their eyes. But there are so many sad moments in life that I think it absolutely normal that people come here." Russians become philosophical with great ease, especially if alcohol is present.

The Russians, however, are poised to get their own back on the Nouveau. A quantity of seriously *vieux* Russian wines from the Crimea come up for auction at Sotheby's tomorrow, and are expected to stir interest among the buyers for the messes of several historic British regiments.

The valley of death, into which the 600 rode, is now a vineyard. Wines from the years 1953-6, marking the centenary of the Crimean War which cost some 23,000 British lives, are estimated to make between £180 and £360 a dozen which, considering the modest cost of Nouveau, sounds like a balance of trade in the Russian favour.



TODAY IN THE TIMES

A NEW FACE

From today a new era begins in this newspaper's 206-year history. *The Times* is printed in a new typeface, called Times Millennium. Cleaner and clearer, it will make the words easier to read. There will be more contrast between text and headlines and more white space between areas of text. "The change is intended to be subtle rather than drastic," says Simon Jenkins, editor of *The Times*. "Improvements in typography are arcane, like the improvements sound technicians claim to be able to make in old music recordings. Such changes are often barely perceptible. Yet over time we do notice and appreciate them."
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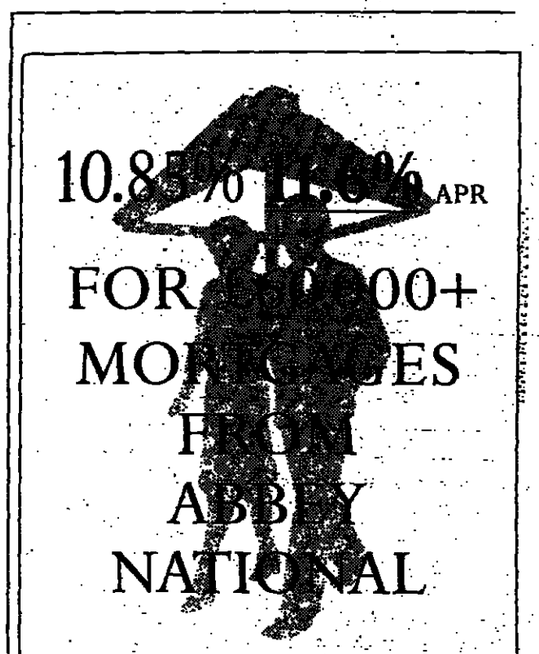


"I don't expect her never to make a mistake, and as a parent you should always be there if they want to call on you." The parents of Donna Lyte, aged 19, concede that her peer group have as much influence on her as they do. But what are the perils of good parenting?
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SAVING A DROP



The village pub is becoming an endangered species. **Colin Lindsey**, an accountant, has decided to do something about one of them — by buying it and retaining its atmosphere
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Churchmen blame Carey's advisers for controversy over Rushdie



Carey: "A teacher and pastor, not politician"

"Inexperienced ... stumbling from crisis to crisis." **Ruth Gledhill** reports on the criticisms levelled at the new team in Lambeth Palace

CHURCH circles are expressing concern about the quality of advice given to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. Puzzlement is growing over brief, contentious, headline-grabbing statements which he inserts in otherwise harmless speeches.

The Salman Rushdie debacle is the latest in a catalogue of errors which led one exasperated churchman to say last night: "He has a team of inexperienced staff around him. Things will stumble from crisis to crisis."

As with his speech at Newcastle upon Tyne, when Dr Carey linked the riots there to social deprivation, Lambeth Palace has responded to the latest remarks in York by saying that they were taken out of context by the media.

Lesley Perry, his press secretary, said: "The archbishop does not feel particularly hard done by on this one because it happens so often. Salman Rushdie had not read the speech. The speech was not about Salman Rushdie. It is a shame that the necessity for putting something into a small sound bite takes away from a reasoned speech which was not about the issue of the sound bite."

Ms Perry, former head of public affairs at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is one of several new staff members at Lambeth. None has emerged to match the stature and experience of John Lyttle, secretary for public affairs, who died of a heart attack in April.

The Rev Philip Crowe, a friend of the archbishop and principal of Salisbury and Wells theological college, said: "Close friends are concerned but not surprised at the number of times he has had to correct or modify statements. He is a teacher and a pastor, not a politician. He is a thinker who works out what his view is in the sharp exchanges of debate. So being held rigidly to what he has said, or being criticised for what he has failed to say, is difficult for him. He needs staff who are able to help him through these stages of debate in private before he makes these statements publicly."

A senior churchman who was close to Lord Runcie, the former archbishop, said: "Dr Carey is a very strong person. A number of people, including myself, have been trying to stop him taking initiatives which are less than helpful to the church at large. His great loss was when John Lyttle died, because he was a diplomat and politician *par excellence*.

"The difference between him and Bob [Lord Runcie] is that if Bob had a bit of trouble, he would go to the Athenaeum and talk to Willie Whitelaw, Roy Jenkins or Geoffrey Howe, who he knew very well. He was also close to Denis Healey. George had not got any friends like that. He is a home boy." Another senior churchman and friend of Dr Carey said: "I do not think he has a very capable staff around him. That is a major problem. John Lyttle was the shrewdest man around." He analysed Dr Carey's style as chiefly writing his own speeches and reflecting on them after he has delivered them, in response to public comment. The Newcastle speech, which he followed with a visit to the area, was an example. "I am not sure he realises that he should go through that process before he says anything publicly."

Relations between Lambeth and the national media have deteriorated sharply since Lord Runcie retired. The policy now appears to be one of defending a corner against hostile attacks.

Another new face at Lambeth is the Rt Rev John Yates, former Bishop of Gloucester, who is head of staff. Mr Lyttle's job as public affairs adviser will be filled in January by Andrew Purkis, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Canon Stephen Platten is the new ecumenical secretary. Dr Carey inherited Lord Runcie's chaplain, the Rev Graham James, who is considered capable, having learned a lot from Mr Lyttle.

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Iraqi assets will go to British exporters

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England will begin today the process of unfreezing £70 million of Iraqi money, the condition agreed between London and Baghdad for the release of Ian Richter, the businessman who returned to Britain last night after spending more than five years in jail.

The sum involved represents the value of contracts agreed in recent months between British companies and Iraq to export food and medicine, allowed under the United Nations sanctions regime. The exports consist of food worth £40 million, medicine worth £20 million and other humanitarian items worth £10 million.

Export licences had been granted by the Department of Trade but Iraq said it had no money to pay for the supplies. The Foreign Office said yesterday that, once the money had been released, it would be handed over to the British companies to cover the contracts. "None of the £70 million will be sent to Iraq."

Foreign Office officials were quick to point out that this was not a deal in the accepted sense. Soon after the ending of the Gulf war, the UN committee responsible for overseeing international sanctions against the Iraqis said that it was up to individual countries to decide whether to release frozen assets for humanitarian reasons. However, Britain is the first to take this step, after making a clear link between the release of funds and the return of two Britons held in Iraqi jails: Mr Richter and Douglas Brand, who was freed in June.

Until now, President Saddam Hussein has refused to deal with the international community on the question of using funds for providing food and medicine for Iraq. He has refused to accept UN resolution 706, which would allow Iraq to export oil worth $1.6 billion to buy food and drugs, under strict UN monitoring, saying it entailed gross interference in Iraqi sovereignty.

Yesterday, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN official in charge of Gulf relief efforts who helped in Mr Richter's release, announced that Iraq had agreed to extend UN assistance for victims of the Gulf war for six months. But he said there had been no breakthrough in the deadlock over Iraqi oil sales to buy food and drugs.

Iraq has assets worth more than £650 million in Britain. Iraqi assets frozen around the world are worth about £2 billion, three-quarters of which is held in American bank accounts.

A spokesman for the Bank of England, which will be responsible for arranging the release of the £70 million, said yesterday: "Iraq has $1.181 million (£656.1 million) in accounts in Britain and we will now have to start discussions with the Iraqis to decide from which account the money should be taken."

Richter homecoming, page 1

Roses to greet freed husband

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE powerful scent of flowers, and particularly yellow roses, filled Ian Richter's home at Kew, southwest London, yesterday as his family prepared to welcome him home from more than five years' imprisonment in an Iraqi jail.

After a hectic Saturday, when a telephone call from Mr Richter in Baghdad to his wife Shirley brought the first news of his release, the family tried to maintain some semblance of calm and order yesterday in the last hours before an emotional reunion at Heathrow airport.

Mrs Richter's day began with another telephone call. Her husband had managed to get through again to tell her that he was on his way to an airfield outside Baghdad to board the executive jet of Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN official in charge of Gulf relief operations, at 11am GMT, for a flight which would deliver him to Heathrow shortly before 6pm. Elated, Mrs Richter went to morning service at her local Roman Catholic church with her daughters Alex, aged 19, and Jeanne, 17, and her son Anton, 16.

The congregation at St Winefride's, Kew, burst into spontaneous applause as Mrs Richter stepped forward to light a candle of thanksgiving for her husband's freedom. At the end of the service, a tearful Mrs Richter was presented with bouquets of yellow roses by children in the congregation.

As she left the church she told reporters: "It was just wonderful to have everybody here thanking God for Ian's homecoming. I spoke to him on the phone this morning and he was sounding fantastic and very excited to be coming home at last. He sounded very well."

Cardinal Basil Hume, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, said on radio yesterday that he hoped Mr Richter's release would see the end of people being used as political pawns.

The Waite connection: politics and prayers



Colonel North sweeping past reporters at Heathrow yesterday and (right) the Rev Henry Burgin checking the time at the start of the service at All Saints' church, Blackheath, for the live broadcast on the BBC World Service

North flies in to deny all blame

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE trouble with having once been in the secrets business is that you can never quite bring yourself to discard the cloak and dagger, even when you are supposed to be putting yourself about in the cause of publicity.

So at least it seems to be with Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, the central figure in the Irangate arms for hostages affair, who flew into London yesterday ostensibly to promote his book *Under Fire: An American Story*. At Heathrow he swept through reporters, photographers and television crews, giving only the briefest of answers to a volley of questions.

Was he planning to see Terry Waite, the British hostage released from Lebanon last week, who, it has been suggested, may have had links with North and the Central Intelligence Agency? "If there is a chance to see him, I will."

Did he feel any responsibility for Mr Waite's incarceration. "I'm no terrorist." Had Mr Waite been working for the CIA? "Not to my knowledge."

To what extent was he working with Colonel North during his final visit to Beirut? "So far as I know, he was not working for anyone."

Colonel North, formerly of the US Marines, was convicted of misleading Congress during the Irangate hearings, but the conviction was later overturned. Mr Waite's mission to persuade the kidnappers to release the hostages was said to have been compromised by Colonel North's testimony. At his West End hotel yesterday Colonel North was said to be resting after his overnight flight from Washington. HarperCollins, the book's publishers, said a number of appointments had been made for Colonel North this week, but he would not be holding a press conference. It seemed a funny way to promote a book.

• Terry Waite will answer allegations made against him concerning his relationship with Colonel North, his cousin John Waite said last night (Ruth Gledhill writes).

John Waite said Colonel North was "largely responsible" for his cousin's five-year imprisonment. He said he would love to be a "fly on the wall" should the two men talk to each other during the colonel's visit.

Terry Waite and his family attended a private eucharist in the chapel at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, yesterday morning, where he celebrated his first Sunday of freedom. The family last night attended the BBC *Songs of Praise* service at All Saints', Blackheath, south-east London, Terry Waite's parish church.

• Foreign Office sources said last night there were no prospects of an imminent improvement in diplomatic relations with Iran in the wake of Terry Waite's release last week.

$2m gift for Yard drug aid

Scotland Yard is to be given a cheque for over $2 million by the American Drug Enforcement Administration in recognition of British detective work in uncovering extensive money laundering networks extending from offshore financial centres to the Caribbean and Florida (Stewart Tendler writes).

The American authorities have seized $380 million and the payment is believed to be the first of its kind made to British police. In the United States federal agencies regularly share out the proceeds of confiscated assets, which now run to hundreds of millions of dollars each year, with local police and authorities who have helped them.

The suggestion of a payment to the Yard was made several years ago but delayed by legal snags. Last year, British customs received $2 million for help in US investigations into the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Star has Aids

Freddie Mercury, the lead singer with the rock group Queen, admitted at the week-end that he had Aids. He said in a statement that he had spoken out because he wanted to put the record straight to end speculation. Mercury, aged 45, who was born Frederick Bulsara in Zanzibar, has led a reclusive life at his home in west London for more than two years.

Protest halted

Police yesterday thwarted a planned Green party protest by bringing forward by 24 hours the delivery of fuel rods to be reprocessed at Dounreay nuclear establishment, Highland. The shipment arrived from Germany on Thursday and had been expected to be kept in Dorset for the week-end but instead was driven north under darkness.

A rail gamble

Commuters have placed bets with bookmakers over the reliability of British Rail's 18.10 InterCity service from Liverpool Street to Norwich. They have bet £100 at odds of 10-1 against the majority of their trains being on time over the next 20 weekdays. William Hill will pay out if 11 of the trains complete the 115-mile journey within two minutes of the timetable's scheduled 105 minutes.

Labour waits at the gates

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE prime minister will be asked this week to name the date on which Whitehall's top civil servants will be instructed to make themselves available for consultations with shadow ministers who might be in office after the general election.

Labour's few veterans with government experience have not forgotten the difficulties of arriving in office after 13 years in the wilderness. Alf Morris, the Labour MP for Manchester Wythenshawe and front bench spokesman for the disabled, has tabled a question to John Major for priority answer on Wednesday, asking him what the conventions are "whereby civil service departments take steps to consult the opposition about their policies towards the end of a parliament and when such steps are to be taken before the end of the current parliament".

Mr Morris, minister for the disabled from 1974-9, said yesterday that it was important for formal contacts to begin so that civil servants knew the priorities in Labour's programme.

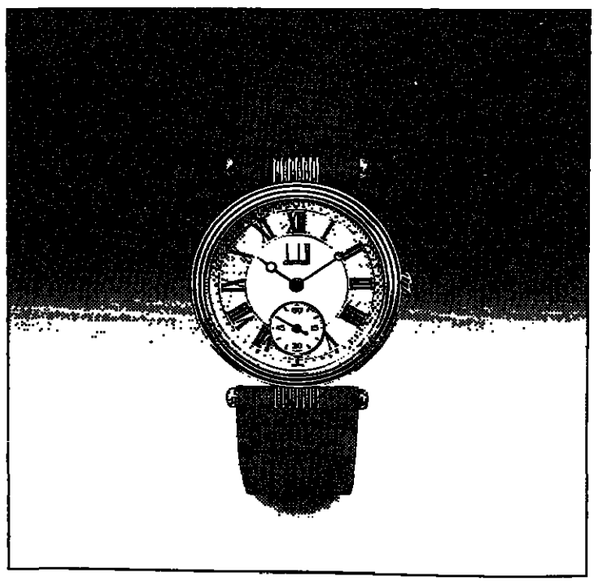
Whitehall departments, in the usual way, are already combing through Labour and Liberal Democrat policy documents, think-tank pamphlets and interview transcripts to compile information on the likely programme of an incoming administration. But the "Douglas-Home rules", drawn up in 1964 — the last time Labour ran down its bank of ministerial experience through 13 years in opposition — provide for direct contacts so that the implications of policy changes, especially on the machinery of government, can be thought through.

In informal contacts in 1963, for example, Labour let top civil servants know of its plans to create a separate Department of Economic Affairs. Sir Laurence Helsby, head of the home civil service, made advance arrangements and when Labour came to power George Brown found a team of civil servants already assembled. Nobody, however, had arranged for them to be provided with desks, telephones, chairs or printed notepaper.

Conservative shadow ministers in 1979, before Margaret Thatcher's first victory, briefed Treasury officials on their plan to abolish exchange controls.

In 1987 not only Neil Kinnock and his shadow team but Alliance leaders too were given access to permanent secretaries. But in 1983 Michael Foot and his shadow team did not bother to take up the option.

Mr Morris is unlikely this week to get a very forthcoming answer. Governments do not like anything which reminds them of the possibility of defeat and the normal practice is that access is permitted only weeks before the latest date an election is likely to be called.



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Times enquiry into mortgage cover

Insurers refuse to help the jobless

BY TONY DAWE

HOMEOWNERS who have insured their mortgage payments against losing their jobs or becoming disabled are being cheated when they try to claim, according to MPs, financial advisers and the insurance ombudsman.

An investigation by *The Times* has discovered that many policies are full of loopholes which mislead the public and enable insurers to avoid paying up.

Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, says one in ten of enquiries he receives concern mortgage protection policies. Policyholders complain about having premiums increased without being told that benefits were being reduced and about being unable to claim for sickness or injury because insurers have unfairly used small-print clauses to argue that pre-existing medical conditions disqualified them.

Marjorie Mowlam, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, said: "There are appalling examples of people being misled. The government must investigate and not just leave this to the insurance industry to sort out. Mortgages represent the biggest financial decision in most people's lives but they are surrounded by complexities, including endowment and now protection policies, all of which need to be thoroughly investigated."

Insurance companies are taking a tough line on the policies because they have been losing money on them but Dr Farrand says that the art of insurance underwriting is to balance losses in some sectors with profits in others.

Leeds Permanent building society reports that one in four new borrowers has protection policies, compared with one in ten last year. At the Halifax, one in six takes out the policies. Most people choose to pay a monthly premium which costs between £4.50 and £6 to cover each £100 worth of monthly interest payments. A £50,000 mortgage would cost up to £24 a month to cover.

Enquiries by *The Times* found these exclusion clauses:

• **Early dismissal or disability.** If you are dismissed within three months of taking out the policy, none of the insurance companies will pay up. Some, including the Mortgage Protector provided by IGI Insurance of Dorking, Surrey, refuse to pay if you are dismissed within the first six months. If you become disabled within two months, depending on the policy, you will be unable to claim.

• **Qualification period.** None of the insurance companies will start paying your mortgage interest immediately you are made redundant. They work on the principle that clients "must have been expecting their P45s and should have put some money aside". If you are with the Woolwich building society, you must be out of work for six months before it will start paying.

• **Length of cover.** Most policies would originally cover your mortgage interest for two years but current policies provide cover for only one year out of work.

• **Pre-existing medical conditions.** Critics regard this as the most shameful clause and say that if you have been to the doctor before taking out a policy you will be disqualified from claiming should a disability or long-term illness strike you down.

Some exclusion clauses are vague. The Cheltenham and Gloucester building society's Payment Plan will not pay out for "disability resulting from a pre-existing medical condition" while the Yorkshire building society's plan excludes "any pre-existing medical conditions".

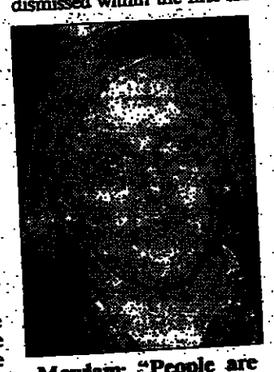
Peter Lloyd, managing director of Security Pacific, specialising in mortgage protection, has a warning for back pain sufferers. "People with back ache may have to be able to show radiological evidence of damage," he said.

Dr Farrand believes snags arise over the health clauses because people are not required to fill in a proper proposal form for mortgage protection policies. "Instead of asking detailed questions about a client's health, the insurance companies insert broad exclusion clauses."

The ombudsman is also concerned at the growing number of claims that policyholders were not told about reductions in benefits. General Accident recently cut benefits and increased premiums on policies it underwrites for 60 lenders, including the Abbey National. Other insurance companies have followed suit.

Insurance companies argue that the recession has forced them to pay out on hundreds of thousands of mortgage protection policies. They have lost considerable sums and have to redress the balance by increasing premiums and cutting benefits. The Woolwich, for example, says that it was paying out £1.45 in claims for every £1 it received in premiums before the rates were increased.

Independent financial advisers are reluctant to encourage their clients to take out the policies. Martin Mullany, of Brooks Macdonald Gayer, said: "Permanent health insurance would provide a better deal. A 30-year-old with a £50,000 mortgage repayable over 25 years could cover his interest repayments and endowment policy or personal equity plan for less than £10 a month."



Mowlam: "People are being misled"

Trapped by the exclusion clause

A SUSSEX businessman, made redundant nearly two years ago, has been threatened with losing his home, in spite of holding a mortgage protection policy which should have guaranteed his monthly payments being met until he found another job (Tony Dawe writes).

He says that his insurance company invoked two inapplicable exclusion clauses to avoid meeting his claim and then made bogus statements about his circumstances. He is taking the company, Security Pacific, of Richmond, Southwest London, to court and has won an order to stay the repossession of his house.

His case is one of an increasing number involving mortgage protection policies which are coming before the High Court or being investigated by the insurance ombudsman.

The businessman said: "I wish I had never taken out the policy because, without it, my mortgage company and the Department of Social Security would probably have come to my aid."

He became redundant two years ago and realised that, under the terms of his protection policy, he had to continue to meet his mortgage repayments for two months. He says Security Pacific argued that his claim was "outside the qualifying period". The businessman won that argument but was then told that, because of the takeover of his company, he had not been in work with the same employer for the previous 12 months, as required by the policy. He was next informed that the insurers had proof that he was still in paid employment.

"I was merely giving my former company unpaid assistance because I wanted it to survive," he says. "The whole thing has been an absolute nightmare."

Security Pacific declined to comment on the case because of the impending court proceedings.

In another case, being considered by the ombudsman, the family of a London man who has suffered a brain tumour is fighting to get his insurance company to pay up under the disability clause of his policy.

The company says that the man visited his doctor for "ringing in the ears" before taking out the policy and is thus disqualified from claiming under the exclusion clause covering "pre-existing medical conditions". It is pursuing its argument even though the doctor did not recognise the condition as a potential tumour and treated the man for wax in the ears.



Honoured guest: the Emir of Kuwait, Sheik Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, greeting Margaret Thatcher at his Bayan palace yesterday. She and her son Mark arrived in Kuwait on Saturday for a four-day visit. As a political storm raged at home over her call for a referendum on Europe, she was feted in Kuwait for supporting the emirate during the Gulf war. Yesterday the emir presented her with Kuwait's highest honour, the Mubarak al-Kabir medal. Kuwait's *al-Rai al-Aam* newspaper commented: "Thatcher, you are in our hearts." The former prime minister will use her visit to publicise the Thatcher Institute.

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House prices 'to rise'

BY CHRISTOPHER WARMAN
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices will begin a gradual recovery from next spring, giving a 3 per cent rise in 1992 and a 9 per cent increase in 1993, according to a report on the prospects for the housing market over the next five years.

Charterhouse, the merchant and investment banking group, reports that the number of housing transactions increased in the third quarter of this year, which on the evidence of previous housing cycles indicates an upturn in house prices a year later.

The report says that while consumer spending power has risen in the second half of this year, spending growth is lagging by up to nine months as consumers rebuild savings and reduce debt. At the same time the housing market has been held back by fears of unemployment and the low level of confidence. Publicity over repossessions has reinforced buyers' caution.

The study argues that with the possibility of a minority government after the general election, spending could accelerate through 1992 and 1993 before being curbed by higher interest rates after a second election, checking the rise in house prices.

Predicting lower wages and price inflation, Charterhouse says that this will be reflected in a lower rate of growth in house prices, averaging 5 per cent in the five years to 1996.

Lasers offer cancer treatment

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH medical researchers are considering linking lasers and light-reactive drugs to create a new treatment for pancreatic cancer.

The plan is being considered by a team at University College and Middlesex school of medicine, London. With colleagues at Liverpool, Leeds and Southampton universities, the team is pioneering laser-based ways of treating everything from breast cancer to tumours of the liver, lungs and prostate gland.

Yesterday it was disclosed that 50 breast cancer patients at the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guilford, would be used to test the laser surgery after succesful pilot studies by the team. The technique offers an end to the need for conventional surgery, which causes unsightly scars and can lead to breast removal.

Needles and optical fibres the width of a pin are inserted through the patient's skin into the tumorous cells. The researchers then fire a high-powered laser beam into the area to "cook" the cancer, killing its cells in minutes. The laser heats the tissue to about 100C, which can damage healthy, surrounding tissue, making it particularly hazardous for use on organs such as the lungs, the thyroid and the prostate.

Stephen Bown, director of the national medical laser centre at the school, said tests were proceeding very cautiously. "You have to worry what is next to the tumour," he said. "If the tumour is next to a vital structure, such as a large blood vessel, it could cause the blood vessel to burst."

One solution lies in better imaging techniques that ensure the laser is more precisely directed. Professor Bown said two nuclear magnetic resonance scanners had been installed at the school, which the team hoped to test with the laser surgery. The researchers are also trying to assess how far the laser heat spreads inside a treated organ.

Another approach, which the team has tried on two rectal cancer patients in the past three weeks and is now considering for pancreatic cancer, is to combine the high-powered laser with a lower-powered one and photochemical drugs. The high-powered laser would tackle large accessible cancers in the organ and the drugs, which accumulate in the cancer tissues, would be "triggered" by light from a low-powered laser to poison tumours too hazardous to treat using the high-powered laser alone.

Beware: heavy car clamping ahead

BY MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

WHEEL clamping and vehicle removals are to be extended to all 33 London boroughs under the most comprehensive assault on illegal parking since the introduction of traffic wardens in 1960.

The new London Parking Committee, made up of representatives of the 33 boroughs, meets for the first time tomorrow to begin work on a new parking regime for London, which will include higher fines, increased enforcement and a new adjudication procedure for complaints from motorists.

Under the changes introduced by the Road Traffic Act, traffic wardens will be deployed exclusively on the red route network and where there are double yellow lines. From April, the £16 parking ticket will rise to £40 on a red route, and to £30 on a double yellow line. The new fines will increase the total cost of a wheel clamp to a maximum of £75 and vehicle removal to £125.

The legislation also decriminalised illegal parking in most other areas, transferring the right of enforcement to boroughs. Councillors are now working out how to enforce their powers. Although the details are still being settled, the outlines are clear. The existing flat rate £16 ticket will be replaced by bands reflecting the level of illegal parking in different areas. Proposals include placing central London in a higher £40 band, suburban town centres such as Croydon, Uxbridge and Walthamstow in a middle £30 band, and leaving other areas in a lower £20 band.

Each borough will be able to recruit uniformed parking enforcement officers who will have the power to issue tickets, wheel clamps and to remove vehicles to local pounds. Staff are expected to work on incentives schemes. All monies collected will be kept by the local authorities instead of being handed over to the Home Office, so the system will be self-financing.

Failure to enforce existing parking regulations is widely seen as one of the main causes of traffic congestion in London. In 1982, the parliamentary transport committee called for the number of traffic wardens to be increased to 4,000. Because of the cost, however, it has never exceeded 1,300. Under the new system, the target will be met easily.

A new adjucation service will be created, effectively replacing the magistrates courts, for motorists who feel they have been unjustly ticketed, clamped or removed. Complainants will be able to appeal to local authorities, which will be able to cancel tickets. Motorists will also have a right of appeal to independent adjudicators, who will have the final say.

Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, and Camden are expected to be among the first boroughs to implement the new regime as early as next October, with the rest following in 1993-4. Nick Lester, the planning and transport officer of the Labour-controlled Association of London Authorities, calculates that the income from legal and illegal parking under the new system is likely to exceed £200 million a year, and that illegal parking will be cut by over 50 per cent.

• Automatic cameras at traffic lights can cut red light running by up to a half, according to a report published today by the AA's road safety foundation.

The motoring organisation is expected to argue that the benefits of installing such cameras justify the £20,000 cost.





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Britain backs Brussels in dispute with the French

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

CARLO Ripa di Meana, the European commissioner for the environment denounced by John Major for intruding into the "nooks and crannies" of Britain, is looking to the British government as his main ally in smashing French obstruction of the new European environment agency.

The commissioner has received warm encouragement from Michael Heseltine, the environment secetary, for his fight against what he calls France's "shameful blackmail" in holding up agreement on a permanent site for the agency. Signor Ripa di Meana has been assured that Britain will use its presidency of the Community next year to confront France over its refusal to agree any permanent site until Strasbourg is confirmed as the seat of the European parliament.

"Mr Heseltine even teased me to be active and stand firm," he told *The Times*. "I cannot keep silent any longer about this scandalous French blackmail."

He said he had tried everything to break the deadlock since the agency was established more than a year ago. Other member states were not prepared to face down the French. He was not hopeful that the Dutch could do so at Maastricht or the Portuguese when they take over the EC presidency in January.

"I have discussed this repeatedly with Mr Heseltine," he said. "Only the British have the might and power to convince the French." Until a site is found, the agency cannot begin work and officials may now look for a temporary home in Brussels with meetings held in a city that rotated with the EC presidency.

Signor Ripa di Meana noted the irony of Mr Heseltine's support, coming after the outburst over the commissioner's letter to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, in which he called for a halt to seven big engineering projects until environmental impact assessments had been made.

He said he had intervened so often in British issues not because Britain had a worse record than other states — indeed it was much better than that of Italy and most southern EC members — but because 80 per cent of all complaints to Brussels came from Britain. He said he was able to intervene only in response to such complaints. The proposed environment agency, monitoring pollution in each state, would give a more balanced picture and avoid the impression that he was attacking Britain.

Signor Ripa di Meana said he was hurt by the prime minister's denunciation. He respected Britain's environmental activism. But he had no regrets. He had waited seven months before taking action and concluded after fruitless meetings with British officials that the government was dragging its feet. "Should I have waited until a forest was cut down? The European Court may back me, but it will be too late."

He defended publicising the letter — which earned him a furious rebuke from Jacques Delors, the EC president — saying it could not have been kept secret. "I would say Mr Rifkind is a friend. But it was a political letter, not a secret one." He had treated Italy, Germany, Spain and Portugal, also facing court action for ignoring environment assessment requirements, no differently.

He said he was determined to strengthen environmental protection during his term in office, and he believed, from the letters he received, especially from Britain, that public opinion was on his side.

He regretted that the commission was now under public attack, not only in Britain, and had largely been sidelined in the debate leading up to the Maastricht summit.

He called it absurd that the environment agency had still not begun work. It would make Europe a laughing stock at next year's World Environment Conference in Rio de Janeiro, he said. Europeans could not call for reductions in carbon dioxide output from others if they could not agree among themselves on monitoring their own regulatory approach.



Ripa di Meana: strong support from Heseltine



Countryside watchdog: Fiona Reynolds, a notable exponent of intense but civilised lobbying

Rural champion takes the helm

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE intellectual battle for the preservation of the English countryside has a formidable new champion in Fiona Reynolds, who takes over as director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England in January.

Ms Reynolds, aged 33, spent five years as assistant director, during which time she became perhaps the most respected environmental campaigner in Britain, not only among her peers in the green movement, but among politicians and civil servants.

She exemplifies the CPRE tradition, established by the two previous directors, Robin Grove-White and Andrew Purkis, of watching like a hawk the minutiae of government policy insofar as it affects the environment, especially the rarefied corners of planning law, which may seem arcane but which can mean the difference between fields and woodlands being lost or saved.

The organisation's intense but civilised lobbying, of which Ms Reynolds is a notable exponent, has given it an influence in the environmental debate out of all proportion to its size; its membership of 46,000 is dwarfed by that of the National Trust, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds or Greenpeace, but its voice is no less heard.

The council's latest contribution to the environmental debate comes from a survey of washing machines, which it says shows that only 35 per cent of the 60 surveyed, and only 56 per cent of those specifically marketed as "environmentally friendly", would pass the water and energy consumption guidelines likely to be incorporated in the proposed European Commission eco-labelling scheme.

The analysis was based on a sample of 60 models produced by 11 manufacturers, using the manufacturers' own literature, with water consumption ranging from 60 litres to 135 litres per total load. The EC regulation is likely to require washing machines to use no more than 16.81 litres per kilogram of socks and underwear.

William Sheate, the council's campaigns officer, said that washing machines accounted for 12 per cent of total domestic water use, and far too little progress had been made on improving their water efficiency.

Over the past year, Mr Sheate has led a successful campaign to highlight the issue of Britain's increasingly stretched water resources.

Green pledges wither on vine

An environment group says Whitehall is neglecting white paper promises, writes **Michael McCarthy**

THE greening of Whitehall, promised last year and reasserted by John Major in July, is a long way from reality, according to an analysis of ministry reports published today. In many cases departments have failed to implement commitments they made in Chris Patten's 1990 environment white paper, says Green Alliance, the environment lobby group.

Julie Hill, its policy director, studied 19 departmental annual reports. Their main purpose is to set out spending proposals, but the white paper invited departments to use them to detail their environmental plans.

Two large departments, health and education, made no mention whatsoever of their commitments, such as health's pledge to search out environmental health risks, or education's to stress environment issues in the national curriculum. Only one department listed all its white paper commitments, Ms Hill says — the Office of Arts and Libraries, which had only one, a building programme for national museums and galleries. Nearly all the rest missed out at least 20 per cent of their commitments. Only ten departments featured the environment in their statement of objectives.

"The departments' failure to reflect the government's own agenda for the environment severely dents the credibility of the government's claims to be integrating environment with other areas of policy," she says.

The failure of Whitehall to implement the white paper comprehensively can be put down partly to a battle over one word. The paper says that as well as spending plans, the annual reports "can also set out the action they have taken to follow up the white paper and any other environmental initiatives which they are proposing". The environment department wanted "will" instead of "can" but met with fierce resistance. Eventually a cabinet committee ruled in favour of the more permissive verb.

Things may be different in next year's reports, for Mr Major said in July: "Departments *will* now publish regular reports on their environmental stewardship and performance." In Whitehall, even more than in double-glazing agreements, it is the small print that counts.

Greening Government: the failure of the departmental annual reports to reflect integrated policy-making. (Green Alliance, 49 Wellington Street, London WC2E 7BN. £10)

Anglers missing at sea

Two men were feared drowned last night after a boat taking 14 anglers on a fishing trip sank yesterday a mile from the Mumbles lighthouse near Swansea.

Twelve people were rescued after the skipper of the 32ft Luke John, chartered from the Midlands, radioed a mayday message.

A search involving the Mumbles lifeboat, two sand dredgers and a dozen pleasure craft, led by a helicopter from RAF Chivenor, Devon, was called off for the night.

Thorpe home

Jeremy Thorpe, aged 62, the former Liberal party leader, has returned home after undergoing brain surgery for Parkinson's disease at the Midland Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery, at Smethwick, West Midlands.

£5m drug haul

Customs officers at Holyhead, Gwynedd, have seized cocaine worth £5 million from an aluminium ore carrier from Jamaica. Two men will appear before Holyhead magistrates today.

Party goes on

About 1,000 youngsters held a party in an underpass at Crowthorne, Berkshire, after police had earlier turned away almost 200 from the intended venue near Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

Bond winners

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Farmers claim wilderness cash

BY KERRY GILL

AS MANY as 20 Scottish landowners and farmers, unable to develop sites of special scientific interest on their land, are believed to be seeking compensation from the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland, leading to fears that the agency could face bankruptcy unless the law is changed.

The latest claim is about to be lodged by Lord Kimball, former Conservative MP for Gainsborough, who wants about £3 million in compensation for not developing more than 35,000 acres on which four sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) have been designated on his Altnaharra estate in Sutherland, one of western Europe's "last great wilderness areas.

Lord Kimball, who said yesterday that he was looking for "massive compensation", said his claim was only one of many and that he had been told that about 20 more were planned.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, people owning land designated as SSSIs can claim compensation where they can show that they have lost money for not developing the land. Earlier this year, John Cameron, a Tayside sheep farmer, was awarded about £800,000.

Brian Wilson, Labour's Scottish environment spokesman, wants the law changed and has said that the NCCS's successor, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), could face bankruptcy if huge compensation claims continue to be met. This was echoed by Kenny Taylor, of the Scottish Wildlife Trust, who said: "It is a law that has been turned into a racket for people who have the time and money to take the NCCS to the cleaners. It offers money to people who threaten to damage precious sites."

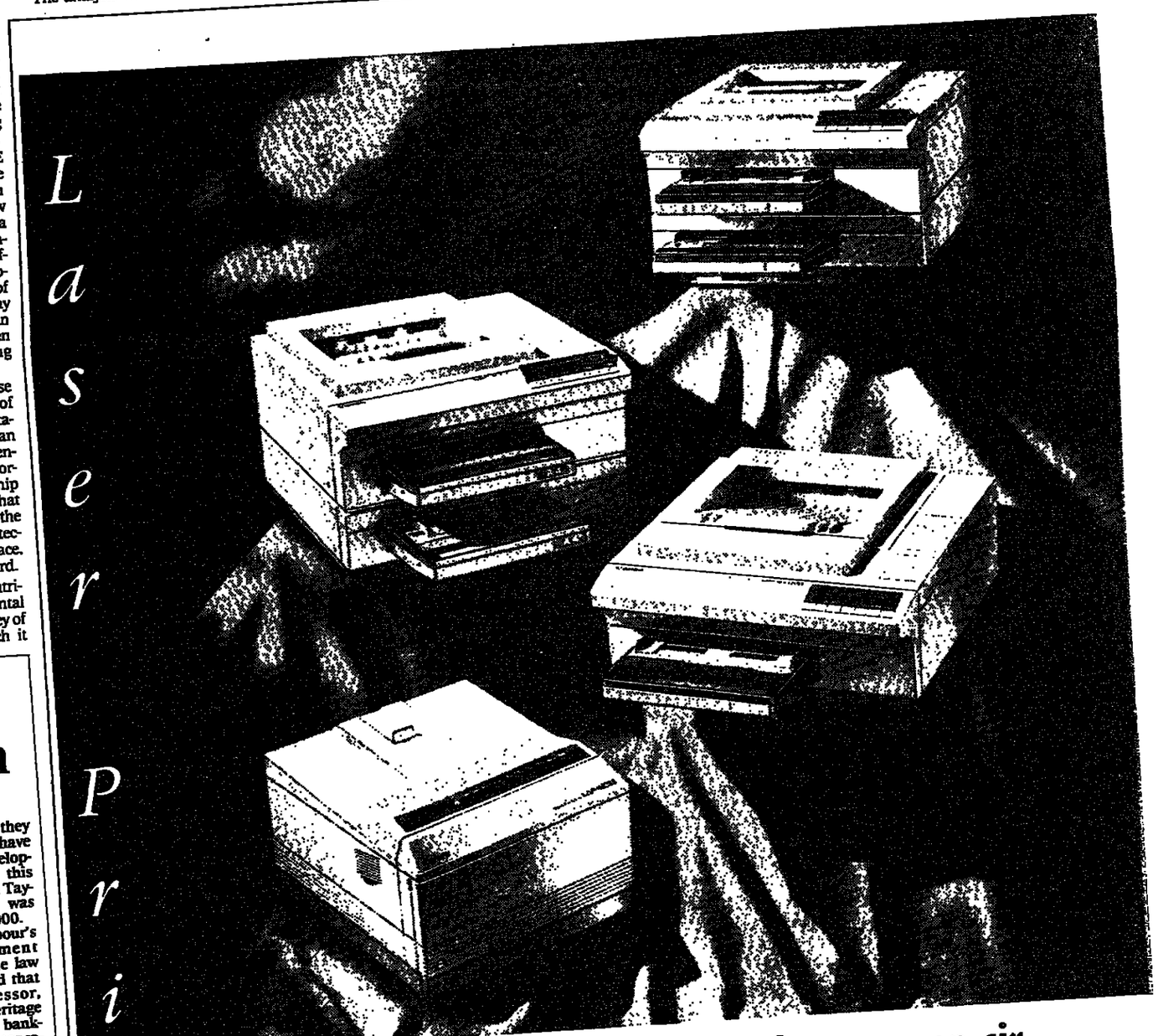
Magnus Magnusson, chairman of NCCS and chairman designate of SNH, said: "To suggest that SNH will be bankrupted before it gets off the ground is not realistic. I am confident that SNH will be sufficiently well resourced to carry forward the tasks set for it in the Natural Heritage Scotland Act."

Lord Kimball, whose family acquired the Altnaharra estate in 1919, defended his action, saying that he had been in dispute with the conservancy council since 1986. "Altnaharra contains the last great wilderness and we have always preserved it," he said. "We already have six SSSIs on the estate and I would not argue about two." The other four, he said, were too large and threatened the jobs of three of his four shepherds.



Kimball: disputes four of six sites on his estate

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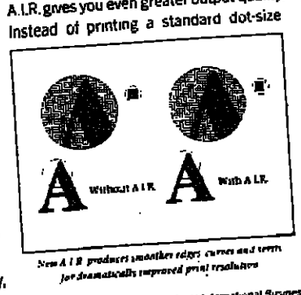
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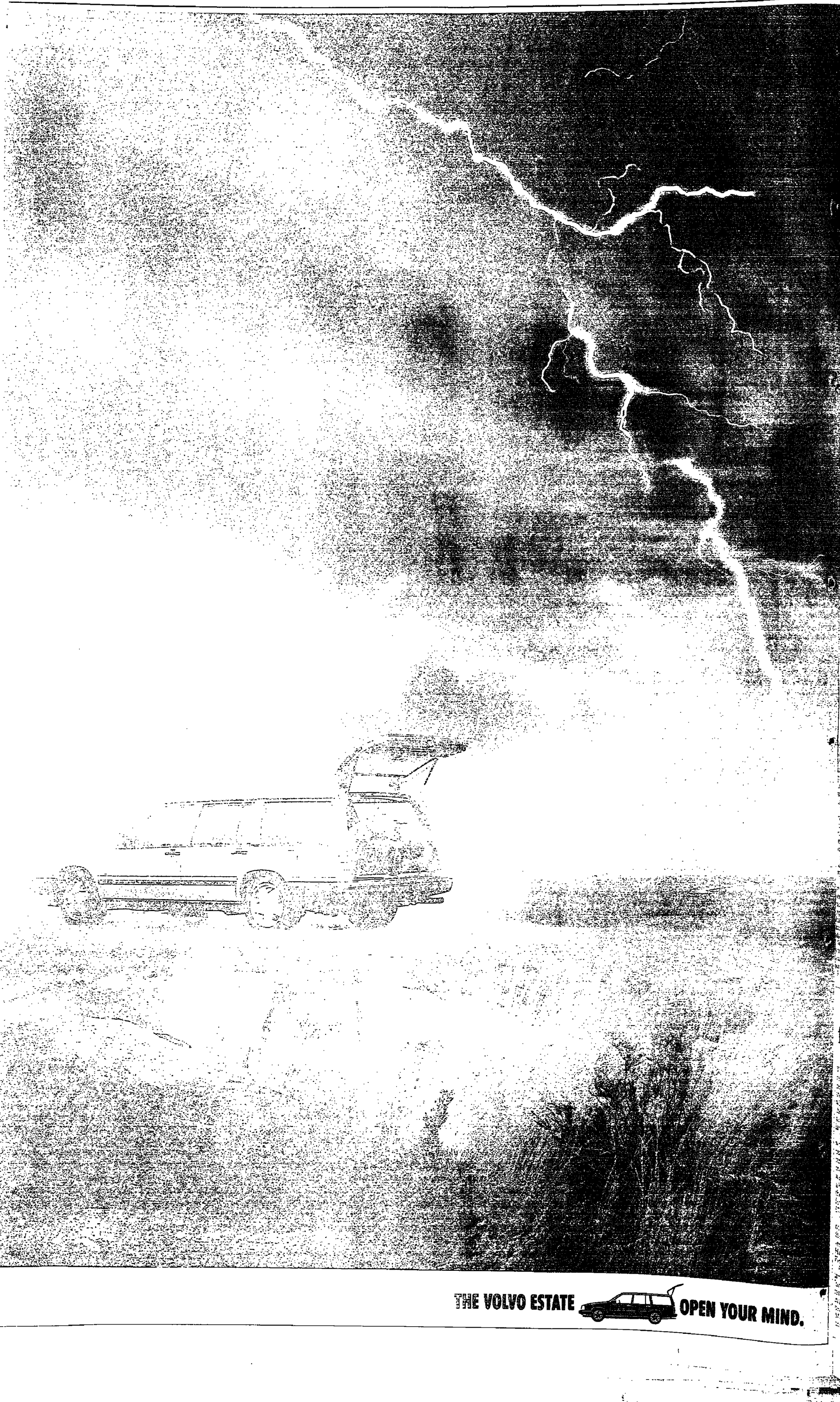
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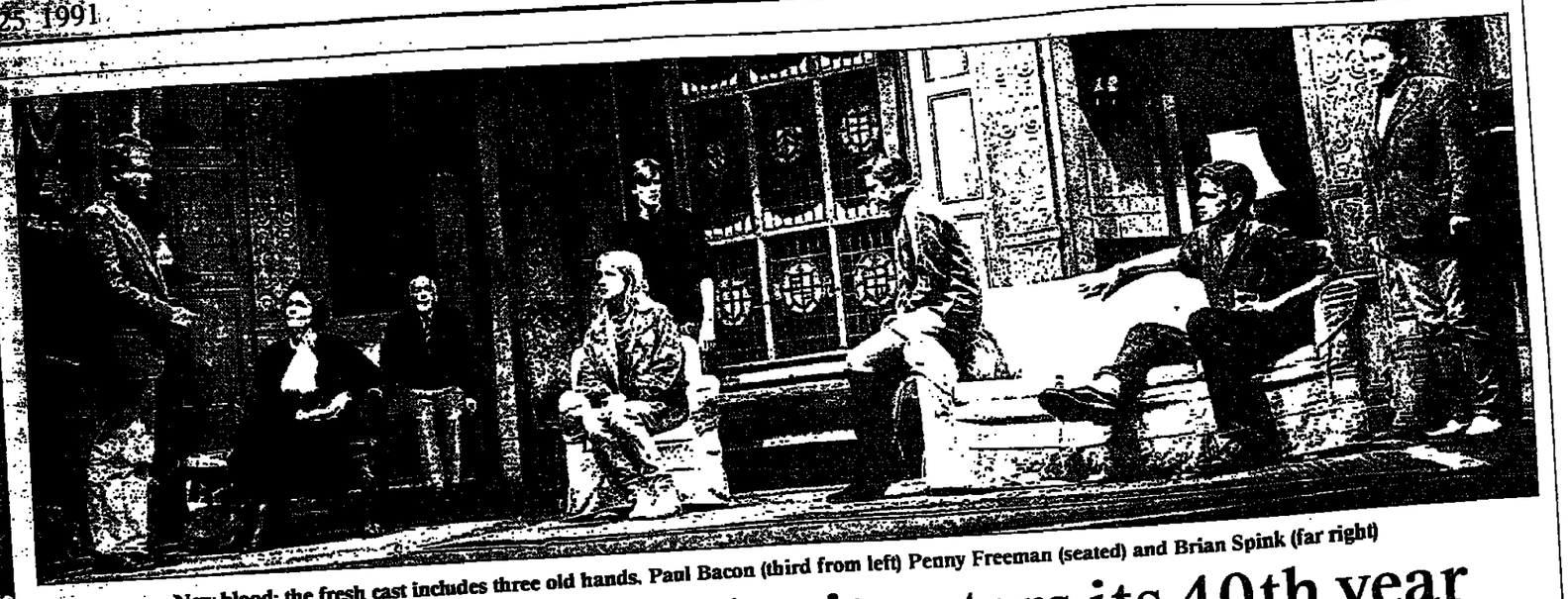
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First act: Richard Attenborough and Sheila Sim in the 1952 production of *The Mousetrap*



New blood: the fresh cast includes three old hands. Paul Bacon (third from left) Penny Freeman (seated) and Brian Spink (far right)

Fresh blood as whodunit enters its 40th year

BY ROBIN YOUNG

IT BEGAN as a 30-minute radio play written at the request of Queen Mary, the Queen Mother. Today, Agatha Christie's thriller *The Mousetrap* enters its fortieth year in the West End. It has been the longest-running production of any kind in the British theatre since it overtook the five and a half year run of *Chu Chin Chow* in April 1958. The world record fell in December 1971.

Since there is no possibility that the show will end its run in the coming 12 months, Sir Peter Saunders, its producer, has already booked the play's ruby anniversary party at the Savoy Hotel next year.

On Saturday they were turning customers away for both the matinee and evening performances at the St Martin's theatre, where *The Mousetrap* has been set since March 1974. The first 22 years of its uninterrupted run were at the Ambassadors next door.

Saturday's evening show, the 16,232nd to date, was the last for the 39th year cast, headed by Madeline Smith and Tony Boncza and directed by Richard Digby-Day. A complete cast change and a new director every year has become Sir Peter's policy for keeping *The Mousetrap* cheese fresh.

Tonight Simon Tait and Maev Alexander take over the roles which were played by Richard Attenborough and Sheila Sim when the show opened in 1952. The director is David Turner, last in charge in the show's 36th year.

Three of the incoming cast have been in the play before: Brian Spink, who was the hotel keeper in 1967, 1973 and 1975 and now returns as one of the suspect guests; Paul Bacon, who first auditioned for his part 30 years ago and first played it 26 years later, and Penelope Freeman, who was one of the 38th year cast.

In all, the play's eight parts have been played by 251 actors and actresses, backed by 117 understudies and 20 directors. Nancy Seabrooke, who has been understudying the part of Mrs Boyle for the past 12 years, holds the record for longest continuous service.

There were three large coach parties on Saturday night, and one, booked by an American travel agency, at the matinee. "For many people, *The Mousetrap* is an essential part of the London itinerary, right up with the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London," said the Americans' leader.

Like several others, a mother and daughter were visiting the theatre for a birthday treat. "It was going to be either a comedy or a thriller," said the daughter, "but I never dreamed that we should have to book for anything that had been on so long."

Sir Peter Saunders was celebrating a birthday on Saturday too. It was his 80th. Perhaps he and his wife, Katie Boyle, could be forgiven for not treating themselves to a night out at *The Mousetrap*.

Judges support mediation out of court

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

JUDGES are backing Bar proposals for a pilot scheme which could remove a large number of disputes from the court system by encouraging people to resolve their differences through mediation.

The Bar's proposals, outlined in a report today on alternative dispute resolution", are aimed at finding ways to reduce the costs and delays in using the law to resolve disputes. A pilot scheme is envisaged in the county courts and in a division of the High Court. The proposals have been discussed with county court judges in London, who are willing in principle to take part in a trial scheme.

Another benefit of the proposals is that people would not be constrained by the court timetable. The mediation sessions could be held out of hours at times convenient for the parties, including evenings.

The report was produced by a committee under Lord Justice Beldam, the Court of Appeal judge. Philip Naughton, QC, a committee member, said: "We believe that a voluntary system of mediation or alternative dispute resolution might benefit many parties to legal action." Settling disputes out of court had advantages and in the long term could cut the legal aid bill, he said.

Under the scheme, parties could use a mediator based at or near the court who would help them to reach solutions but not impose or suggest one. A pilot project is proposed in three or four county court centres, with a target of 100 mediations in each centre.

The Bar says that legal representation should be available if anyone wants it and that the mediators could be lawyers with at least seven years' experience and training in mediation.

The scheme could cover such county court cases as debt collection, personal injury and other small claims. As the scheme would be voluntary, if the process failed, normal rights to pursue a claim in the courts would remain.

Cash cut 'delays justice'

SOME magistrates' courts in London are predicting they will be crippled by cuts in staffing levels and increases in delays for hearings when new cash-limited funding arrangements come in next April (Frances Gibb writes).

The warnings have been made by the clerks to the magistrates' courts committees in response to a survey by *The Lawyer* magazine published today.

Eric Packer, of the Outer London Justices' Clerks Society, said: "The effect could be 10 per cent staff reduction in magistrates' courts. It could cripple the sort of service that people have come to expect." One clerk reported that some magistrates have started to cut the number of adjournments they grant.

Windsor magistrates' court is to close next spring. Dyfed courts committee is reviewing plans to avoid closing 11 of its 15 court houses.

Naval chaplains fight for reprieve

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE defence ministry is reviewing its plans to dispense with 22 chaplains of the Royal Naval Reserve who regularly minister to the spiritual needs of Britain's mariners at sea and on land.

The Anglican clergymen, who have their own parishes but assist the full-time 90-strong chaplains' department of the Royal Navy, were listed to be dropped in a little noticed paragraph in the options for change defence review at a saving of £70,000 a year.

The defence ministry, however, is now reviewing their future after the intervention of the Ven Michael Henley, Chaplain of the Fleet.

David Barlow, his secretary, said: "We were informed of the changes rather late in the proceedings and the matter is now being reconsidered by the Ministry of Defence. These chaplains look after naval establishments when the Royal Navy chaplains are on leave. They have certainly been valuable to us. It would be unfortunate to lose them and their demise is being resisted."

The Rev Bill Meyer, vicar of St Luke's at Grayshott, Hampshire, who served with the Royal Navy for six years and has been a member of the RNR since 1963, is one of the chaplains under threat. Mr Meyer, who performs regular duties at fleet headquarters, Northwood, said: "It would be a tremendous wrench for me. My view is that the spiritual needs of sailors are important and we should not have to abandon them just so that money may be saved."

If the cuts are approved, the work of the 22 RNR chaplains is expected to be taken over by clergymen from parishes in which naval establishments are based.

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Shotgun groups say police are aiming low on licences

Tim Jones reports on shooters' fears that the police are gunning for them as public concern over firearms grows

BRITAIN'S two main shooting organisations are blaming police harassment for a big drop in the number of people holding shotgun certificates, and claim that the government would like shooting banned.

The allegations follow publication of statistics which indicate that 190 "shooters" a day are surrendering the right to have a gun in the home. The number of shotgun certificates fell by 62,800 to 802,300 last year, while the number licensed to hold firearms dropped 6,900 to 142,000. The sport is also suffering from the recession, with some leading gunmakers, such as W & C Scott, closing after deciding that there was no longer the business to sustain production of its £4,500 standard double-barrelled shotgun.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) and the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association claim that the Home Office took panic measures after the Hungerford massacre in 1987, in which 16 people were killed by a rampaging gunman. According to the associations, the Firearms (Amendment) Act of 1988 that followed the killings was drafted in haste and has led to widespread inconsistencies in enforcement of the law.

Moves this week by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to urge police to adopt new guidelines on issuing certificates have received only qualified welcome.

A report from Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte and the Centre for Police and Criminal Justice Studies of the University of Exeter, commissioned by the BASC, claimed that the 1988 act had led to variations in administrative procedure with respect to shotgun certification, "some of which appear to be neither efficient or have sound basis in law".

The report documents concern about alleged over-zealous application of the act, administrative confusion, increasing conflict and growing tension between legitimate firearms owners and the police.

The report says that, while the 1988 act makes clear that a request for a shotgun certificate should not be refused "merely because the applicant neither intends to use the gun personally nor to lend it to anyone else", some police forces insist on knowning where holders have permission to shoot.

There is also widespread confusion over security measures. While most police forces now insist on the installation of secure gun cabinets, others go further and say that alarm systems and special door and window locks should be fitted. Some shooters claim that it is better to "break" a gun and hide both parts than to keep a complete weapon in a cabinet.

The shooting organisations are angry that they have not been invited to have a representative on the Firearms Consultative Committee, established under the 1988 act to review the working of the legislation. When four new members of the committee were appointed recently, John Swift, the BASC director, said: "This is like excluding the Church of England from a committee debating ecclesiastical matters. Some of the appointments are, frankly, political manoeuvring to try to emasculate the committee.

"There is a feeling that this Conservative government would even be happy if no one was allowed to own a gun."

ISSUE OF SHOTGUN CERTIFICATES

	New certificate Granted	New certificate Refused	Renewal of certificate Granted	Renewal of certificate Refused	Certificates on issue at 31 Dec
1983	46,600	500	233,700	170	783,400
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1985	60,500	690	232,900	170	819,300
1986	64,100	810	239,900	180	841,000
1987	65,000	960	246,300	230	861,300
1988	56,600	980	245,000	340	882,000
1989	47,500	970	226,200	330	865,100
1990	37,800	550	213,500	650	802,300

Source: Home Office

Community fights plans to sell off its local

Regulars say pub closure is the dregs



Best bar none: Clare Willmott at the bar of the functional and jukebox-free Red Lion

Ickleton might support only one pub, but locals say the brewery is shutting the wrong one. David Young reports

Accountant Colin Lindsey, who rears rare breeds of cows, sheep and pigs in his spare time, is now attempting to save another endangered species: his village pub.

Like many other small rural communities, Ickleton, in Cambridgeshire, has found its pub threatened by a combination of the recession and the government's ruling that the brewers must limit the number of pubs they own.

Until recently there were two pubs in the village, but one, the Red Lion, was owned by Ind Coope, which is having to cut back the number of pubs it owns to bring it under the 2,000 threshold. The pub was bought by the Suffolk brewer Greene King, which already owned the other pub, the smaller New Inn used by most of the locals. Greene King now plans to refurbish the Red Lion and next month will ask Cambridge district council for change-of-use permission to sell the New Inn as a private residence.

It would seem a sensible decision, as it is unlikely that, in the present economic climate, a village the size of Ickleton could support two pubs. The locals, however, prefer the New Inn with its public bar, functional rather than plush furniture and its lack of fruit machines, jukebox and pool table.

Mr Lindsey, who has an accountancy business in Bishop's Stortford — in a building that was a pub until 1932 — and some other locals have decided that they will try to buy the New Inn and retain it as it is.

Mr Lindsey has offered the brewer £75,000 and promised to spend a further £50,000 on essential repairs, but Greene King has had a higher offer for the premises as a private house.

"We hope that we could sell shares to the villagers and either run the pub with a manager or lease it to a couple," Mr Lindsay said. "It could be viable if it was run as pubs in this area traditionally were, with one of the partners having a full-time job during the day," Mr Lindsey said.

The parish council has given its support. Councillor Clare Willmott said: "The Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on pubs was never intended to take away choice from the consumer, but that is what has happened. It is simply a ma ter that many of the villager prefer the New Inn and wan to keep it as a pub."

Greene King's view is tha the interest of the villag would be best served by i having one well-run large pub, and it is committed t supporting the new landlor and landlady of the Red Lion Jonathan Clarke, a directo of the brewery, said: "Wha we want to create is a happ and friendly village pub tha caters for everyone's needs We are sure we will be able t acheive that."

The campaigners hav found that they could easil raise the cash to bid for th pub from two other brewer ies, which illustrates clearl the nonsensical position i which many in the trade fin themeselves. Brewers re quired to cut back on thei pubs are putting them on th market at prices or rents tha sitting tenants cannot afford

One Cambridge landlord found however that while he could not buy his existing pub, he could afford one put on the market in the same street by a rival brewery. With a loan from the free-trade department of his own brewery, a department run from the same head-quarters building as the tenanted-house division which was selling off his existing pub, he was able to buy it. He moved along the road, taking his regulars and leaving be hind what had been a viable pub with few customers.

The licensed trade now estimates that there are more than 3,000 pubs on the property market, many o which will be sold as privat residences.

Whitbread alone has 45 pubs and hotels which it i seeking to dispose of and ha launched a One Stop Pu Shop initiative, with exhib tions at which potential lan lords can examine details o the pubs on offer and discus matters with financial advi ers, agents and accountants



Lindsey: offered to buy the pub for £75,000

India warms to sexual freedom

Condoms, extra-marital relations and erotic videos are no longer taboo in India, reports Christopher Thomas

INDIA is shedding some of its sexual taboos. Magazines are showing topless women, and the film industry is moving beyond the clinging wet sari as the ultimate in erotica.

The impact of Aids, which has established a firm hold, has led to sexually explicit advertising of condoms, bringing complaints about prurience in magazines and on advertising billboards. The government, too, is upset by the unfamiliar frankness, but is afraid of doing anything that might stem the unprecedented sales of condoms.

Women object strongly to the tone of some advertisements. One has a man tugging a woman by the hair, with the exhortation: "Show her who's boss."

Kama Sutra brand shows topless women and half-naked couples in some advertisements, a radical departure from the earlier demure approach in which condoms were for married couples only. The advertisement quotes passages from the Kama Sutra on "acting as a man", on "the behaviour of a couple", and on "courting a maid".

Such advertisements have opened the floodgates. Articles in the Indian press have discussed the new sexual openness, which in turn has given them an excuse to publish pin-ups as a way of demonstrating what is going on.

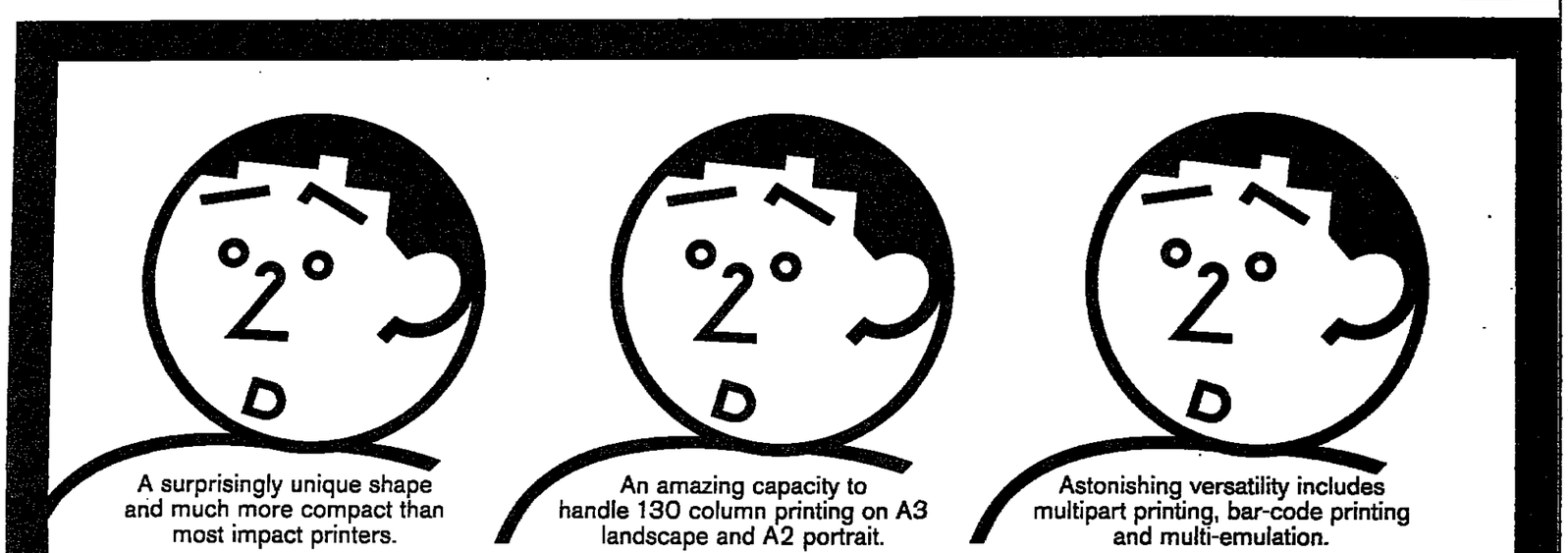
Debonair magazine, based in Bombay and regarded as India's conservative equivalent of *Playboy*, conducted a sex survey among its readers which revealed that many educated urban men and women have sex before marriage and are frequently unfaithful after it. *Sunday* magazine proclaimed in a cover story yesterday "Hard-selling sex: a new permissiveness sweeps advertising, publishing — and society." It said: "Suddenly sex is in the air. Twenty-five years after it swept the West, the sexual revolution has finally hit India."

Nowhere is the new urban openness more evident than in Bombay. Cinema billboards have become explicit — more so in fact than the censored films they advertise. But the film industry, struggling to respond to the expectations of audiences familiar with pirated *Playboy* videos, is getting away with increasingly erotic scenes.

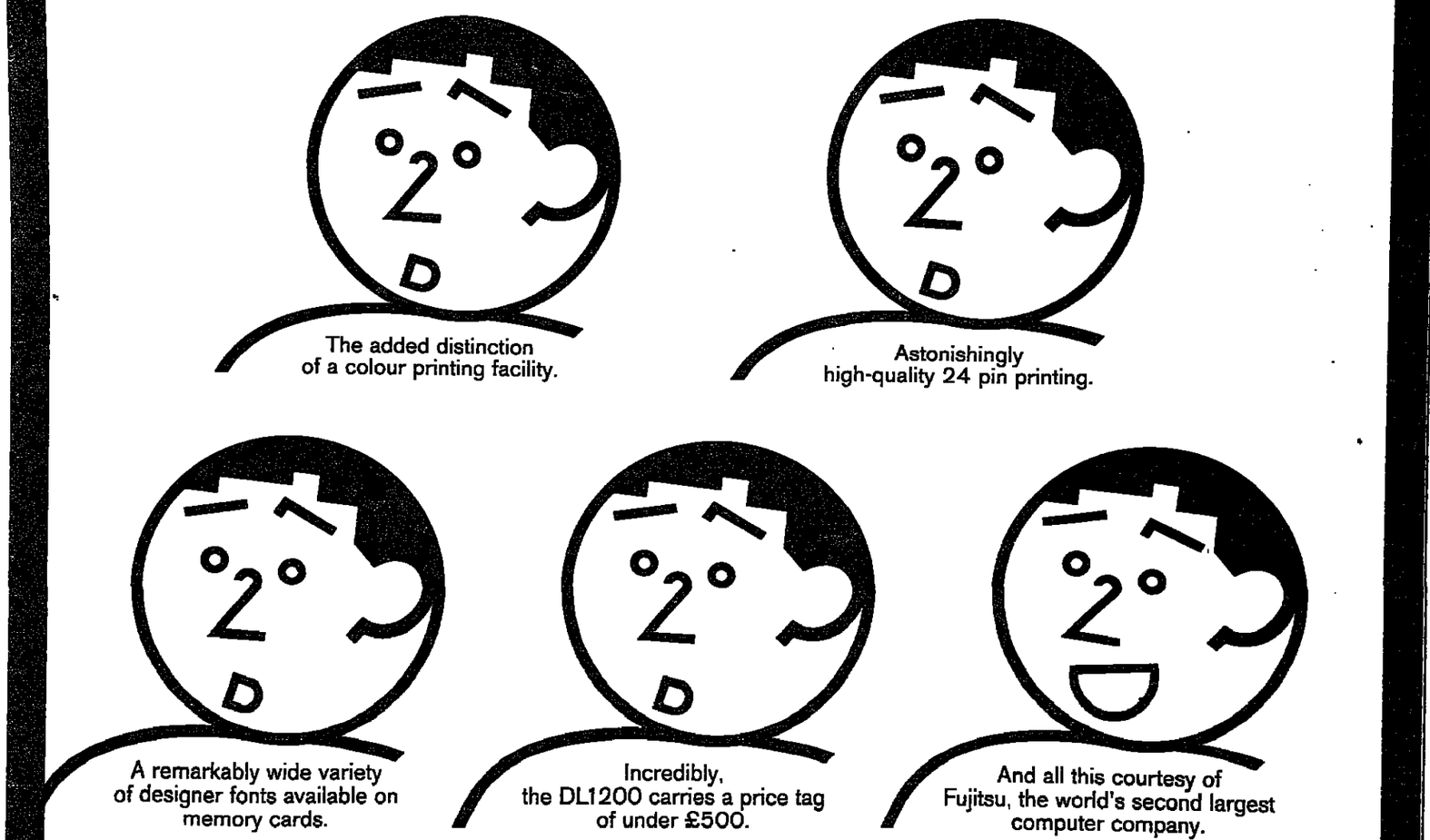
The censor's irrelevance to better-off Indians is being reinforced by the recent arrival of satellite television, which brings in foreign films and is now available in all main cities.

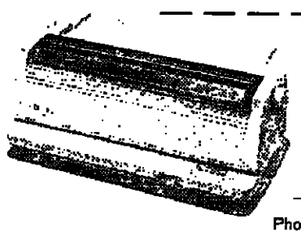
Most Indian marriages are still arranged, often through the advertising columns of Sunday newspapers. The custom of advertising for a partner was taken a stage further by *The Bombayite*, a magazine which often comes with its pages stapled together.

Stardust, the leading film magazine, has opened its pages to unprecented erotica. Four-letter words pepper the articles, a new development that is not yet reflected in Indian films which are increasingly mocked by audiences for their prudery.



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Germany admires its own image in mirror of new Europe



Kohl: nothing to fear from integration

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, said in an interview broadcast yesterday that he was optimistic that December's European Community summit in Maastricht would succeed.

He told French television that Europeans had nothing to fear from economic and political integration: "I advise anyone afraid of the Germans to join in building a firm roof over this Germany, over this Europe, then these fears will be completely overcome," he said.

During the pre-summit negotiations, Herr Kohl has often said that German unity and European unity are two sides of the same coin. Until very recently there has been little dissent in the press.

While Britain worries about losing too much sovereignty, since unification Germany has been worried about gaining too much. After its disastrous flirtation with nationalism, modern Germany prefers to be seen as a recently assembled collection of federal states with distinct personalities and few international aspirations.

Local sovereignty is seen as the best way of countering Brussels hegemony. The *Süddeutsche Zeitung* argued the need to strengthen the *Länder*. "Anyone who opposes the restructuring of the federalist system in Germany is, in the final analysis, supporting the European centralist state. Tiny German states cannot receive or retain independent powers in a European union."

Helmut Kohl says that European and German unity are complementary, but some commentators have doubts, writes **Ian Murray** in Bonn

The *Frankfurter Rundschau* said that West Germany used to be "a prosperous economic power with very little responsibility outside the EC and Nato". But now America saw "the economically greater, central power Germany" as having replaced Britain and France as "crucial for the destiny of Europe. These expectations are accompanied by requirements that may not be in Germany's interest". The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* also looked back, almost nostalgically, to the days before the Berlin Wall came down. "Until unification nearly everyone was satisfied with the good Germans, with the Germans most satisfied of all with themselves ... They went on to become models of detente propriety ... although scruples were voiced on whether it was right to accept such a cornucopia of good fortune. But ... neighbours in East and West have scant patience with German scruples ... Germany must steer well clear of going it alone. All endeavours to devise a new strategy for Nato, to set up the European Community as a political union and to provide the Western European Union with a role depend on a united Germany in the heart of Europe making its contribution."

There is no public debate about Germany being "in the heart of Europe". The EC has been good to Germany. A wider, deeper Europe seems ultimately no more than a way to a wider hope for peaceful coexistence and a deeper bank balance.

This stems in part from the fact that, whereas the EC has hitherto been modelled on a French system, the EC after union is expected to look more like a German federal state. Newspapers do not feel the need to explain in detail how it will work. The treaty on political union looks forward to a system modelled very much on the way the *Länder* relate to Bonn.

There are some sceptics, such as Thomas Kielinger, the Anglophile editor of the *Rheinischer Merkur*. "Forced unity stipulated by some political union can just as easily paralyse as stimulate action and ... Europeans ... would look even worse if a decision to do nothing was rooted in institutional coercion rather than free will."

But only recently, thanks largely to coverage of British reservations, has there begun to be questioning of what might happen. The *Süddeutsche Zeitung* said: "For the British, European political union as reflected in Brussels documents would amount to colonisation. Most of Britain's criticism of Brussels is undoubtedly right. This EC structured along French administrative lines means the launching of bureaucratic centralism in Europe."

The paper argued that failure at Maastricht would be a disaster because it would signal to the world that the EC was no longer the power centre of Europe. It added that "no country needs [European] integration as urgently as Germany if it is to live in peace".

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Yugoslavs accept UN peace force

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE United Nations yesterday moved a step closer to deploying a peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia after the 14th ceasefire in five months came into operation last night. Leaders of all the factions told Cyrus Vance, the former American secretary of state acting as a special UN envoy to Yugoslavia, that they wanted peacekeeping troops "as soon as possible".

Speaking in Rome after the weekend ceasefire talks in Geneva, Mr Vance said the warring parties could agree final details on the deployment of a UN peacekeeping force within a week if the latest ceasefire held. Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, urged the UN to act swiftly. "There is a need for rapid action, within a short space of time," he said after meeting Mr Vance and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, also in Rome on an official visit. Italy would be prepared to send troops.

Franjo Tudjman, Croatia's president, who gave a televised "address to the nation" last night, also appealed to world leaders to send international forces immediately.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, who met Mr Vance in Rome, said detailed planning for the deployment of UN troops in Yugoslavia had already started. However, Serbian and Croatian leaders failed to agree on where the troops should be deployed.

Serbia wants UN peacekeepers to separate the warring sides on Croatian territory. Croatia, which fears peacekeepers would legitimise territorial gains made by Serbia, wants them on the official border between the two republics. Mr Vance said that peace would not be restored "by placing soldiers on either side of a white line".

He said there was no decision on how many troops would be sent or what their situation on the ground would be. He said: "One first has to define where the exact flashpoints are and examine what the terrain is like, how many of them would be infantry, how many would be police. That's why we need another week or so."

Sending UN troops to Yugoslavia would need approval by the UN Security Council. Mr Vance said UN officials would discuss the peacekeeping plan again this week to prepare a detailed report for the security council. Britain is expected to join a peacekeeping force, though with only a minimum commitment.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said that recognition of the breakaway republics of Croatia and Slovenia was "out of the question right now".

Fighting continued unrelenting in the eastern Slavonia region before the start of the new ceasefire. In Osijek, the population spent another day, the fifth in succession, under heavy artillery and mortar shell fire. At least eight people were killed and 55 wounded.

• **Zagreb:** Croatia says President Tudjman's government is trying to muzzle growing opposition by detaining Dobroslav Paraga, the popular right-wing head of the ultra-nationalist Croatian Party of Rights, who was seized outside his home on Friday. He can apparently be held for a month without any charge. *(Reuter)*

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Navies take out refugees

FROM TIM JUDAH IN RIJEKA

WITHOUT waiting for approval from the Western European Union, France and Italy have begun to police a naval corridor off Yugoslavia to ensure that relief supplies reach the beleaguered Croatian port of Dubrovnik.

While HMS Fearless, the British warship earmarked for a WEU operation, remains anchored in Venice, the Italian cruiser Minerva is patrolling the Adriatic. Over the weekend it escorted a French navy medical support ship, Rance, from Dubrovnik to Rijeka with 317 refugees on board, more than 100 of them children.

Last week the Italian naval hospital ship San Marco delivered medical supplies, water and food to Dubrovnik, and took out refugees. The idea of a "humanitarian corridor" policed by Western navies has been advanced by Bernard Kouchner, the French minister of humanitarian action. He has been working in close co-operation with the United Nations Children's Fund, which has been co-ordinating aid to the besieged city over the past week.

Before the arrival of the ships refugees had been evacuated in cramped and insanitary conditions on board Croatian ferry boats. "We didn't expect such hospitality," said Katija, aged 26, who was travelling with her sister-in-law and her two babies. Watching a helicopter taking off from the Minerva, which was cruising nearby, she said: "This is great. The Yugoslav army has no chance to attack."

Yeltsin flies back to Moscow strife

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN BERLIN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BORIS Yeltsin, the Russian president, flew home late on Saturday after his three-day tour of Germany with his diplomatic objectives largely unrealised, but with more economic successes than he might have expected.

He returned to Moscow to find troubles piling up for him. Russia's government and parliament are at loggerheads over who should direct radical economic reforms announced by Mr Yeltsin last week. A leading government official says the squabble threatens his newly-acquired executive powers.

Germany has not done for Mr Yeltsin what it did for President Gorbachev in 1989. The Russian leader arrived handicapped by inexperience in foreign policy and the Soviet Union's current problems. There were no euphoric crowds, but no one could accuse him of evading the big issues.

A visit that opened in Bonn with awkwardness over Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, ended with a reception in the depressing surroundings of the Soviet army base at Wünsdorf, south of Berlin. In the background hovered the shadow of the Soviet Union's foreign debts — and questions whether German bankers would recover their money.

In diplomacy, Mr Yeltsin had queered his own pitch before he even arrived by telling German television that Herr Honecker should find refuge in Chile. This conflicted with statements made by Russian officials that Herr Honecker should be returned to Germany to stand trial as Bonn has demanded. The Russian president therefore spent much of his first day insisting that he really supported Herr Honecker's return to Germany. Leading German politicians told him not to expect further economic aid unless Herr Honecker is handed over to stand trial.

Full confidence was never really established, although Mr Yeltsin emphasised that Russia guaranteed repayment not just of its own debts but of other republics' debts, and in the military sphere he stressed that Russia was ready to keep to the agreed timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet troops. If German diplomats had failed to obtain what they most wanted from Mr Yeltsin — a pledge to return Herr Honecker — the Russian leader failed to obtain what he most wanted: recognition of Russia's statehood.

Addressing more than 1,400 German businessmen in Cologne, Mr Yeltsin said that the most difficult period for Russia would be between now and next autumn. "Either we shall survive or we will fail, but if we fail, then the union will fail too, and the cataclysm will go far beyond our borders."

During his visit, his insistence that money used for aid could be better spent on investment and that investment had to be made attractive, was compared favourably with Mr Gorbachev's pleas for help last year. One senior German economic official, Otto Wolff von Amerongen, said outright that when the Soviet Union fell apart, German business would have to deal with the republics, and it should start now.

Russia will now set up a commercial information bureau and a consulate in Stuttgart, and Baden-Württemberg will "twin" with the industrial region of the Urals to supply food and goods direct. The Russian base for the operation will be Mr Yeltsin's home city of Yekaterinburg — formerly Sverdlovsk — and the goods will be flown in by Soviet army transport planes in the first arrangement of this type.

The Russian president's last port of call was the headquarters of the western group of the Soviet armed forces in what was East Germany, an hour's drive south of Berlin. The huge base, surrounded by rusting wire fences, then concrete panel walls, with watchtowers and searchlights at regular intervals, looked every inch the prison camp it has almost become for Soviet troops stationed in Germany.

Inside, Mr Yeltsin told 500 officers that Russia supported a united Soviet army and would not be the first republic to form its own armed forces. He promised that the troops would be withdrawn by 1994, and that they would be welcomed back to Russia.

• **Moscow:** An American billionaire, Hungarian-born George Soros, aged 61, who is investing $40 million (£22.35 million) to develop "a new system" in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, warns that civil war is likely if the West does not help. He said the Soviet Union is in "a circular descent, a disintegration. It's accelerating."

To prevent such a cataclysm, Mr Soros urged the West to establish a fund of at least $3 billion to help Soviet republics stabilise their currencies and trade among themselves as they make the harsh transition from a centrally planned economy to a market system. *(AP)*



Mixed fortunes: Boris Yeltsin, above, at the Soviet military headquarters in Wünsdorf on his state visit to Germany, while President Gorbachev, below, is harangued by workers at a factory in Bishek, Kirghizia



Ukraine renews union doubts

Moscow — Prospects for the Ukraine's participation in joint arrangements with the other Soviet republics faded further yesterday as Vitold Fokin, the Ukrainian prime minister, denounced last week's deal on the joint servicing of the Soviet debt to the West (Bruce Clark writes).

President Gorbachev told an American interviewer that if the republic quit the Soviet family, it would mean "big trouble for the union, but even bigger trouble for the Ukraine". Last week Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, visiting Germany, told his hosts he was pessimistic about Ukraine joining even a loose political arrangement. He is known to be unhappy about the prospect of surrendering the home ports of the Soviet navy's Black Sea fleet should there be a total break with the Ukrainians.

Tajikistan votes

Dushanbe, Soviet Tajikistan — Presidential elections here pitted the favourite candidate, Rakhmon Nabiyev, the former Communist party boss, against Davlat Khudonazarov, a liberal film director. Preliminary results are expected today. *(Reuter)*

Belgian poll blow

Brussels — Belgium's coalition government parties suffered a setback in elections, while environmentalists and an extremist anti-immigration party made significant gains, according to early projections. *(Reuter)*

Mitterrand slips

Paris — President Mitterrand's popularity with French voters has fallen again. A poll in *Journal du Dimanche* said 28 per cent of the electorate approved of him, and 57 per cent disapproved. *(Reuter)*

Prison break

Prague — Five guards were killed and three seriously injured in a breakout from Leopoldov prison in Slovakia. Seven inmates escaped after attacking their guards, seizing their weapons and changing into their clothes. *(Reuter)*

Revenge feared

Moscow — Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh are in fear of an all-out assault by Azerbaijanis in revenge for the alleged shooting down in the disputed enclave of an Azerbaijani helicopter in which 22 people were killed.

Spies hunted

Bonn — More than a year after the unification of Germany, the Bonn authorities are still searching for 400 leading spies and 5,000 "small fry" involved in Cold War espionage, the magazine *Bunte* reported. *(Reuter)*

Poland joins

Strasbourg — Poland will officially become the 26th member of the Council of Europe, the oldest existing European political group, here tomorrow at the 89th session of the organization's Ministers' Committee. *(AFP)*

Record broken

Paris — A French Aérospatiale AS365, known as the "high-speed dolphin", has broken the world helicopter speed record, flying at 230mph, 14mph faster than the speed set by an American Sikorsky S67 in 1970. *(AFP)*

Touch of class

Bilbao — Mario Garcia, a fashion writer, is to stage a fashion show for the blind here, when the audience will be encouraged to touch the garments as they are described in detail by a commentator. *(AFP)*

Economic blunders sharpen East's grim winter

An icy season of hardship, as tough as any suffered in the communist years, has begun, reports **Roger Boyes**, East Europe Correspondent



Hard times: Eastern Europe's people face harsh weather and shortages

SNOW has already fallen on parts of Poland, Slovakia and the Ukraine, and bitter winds have howled through the Balkans. But the cold and hungry winter creeping up on Eastern Europe is caused not so much by meteorological shifts as by financial chaos and economic mismanagement.

Romania, accustomed under Ceausescu to dreadful winters in which heating, electricity and petrol were rationed, had hoped, two years after the revolution, for something better. Thanks to partial privatisation, Western imports and freer prices, food shops have been relatively well stocked this year. Now they are beginning to empty and queues are returning.

The reason is that farmers, frightened by inflation, are keeping back much of their produce. The maize harvest was good, yet most of it is being stored in the villages. By the middle of October, 1.2 million tonnes of potatoes had been harvested. Only 63,000 tonnes have reached state storage depots.

A timid approach to cutting retail price subsidies is playing havoc with food supplies. Poultry managers are switching off the power in battery hen houses and letting chickens freeze to death because a dead chicken brings in more profit than a hen which lays egg after egg.

Nor does next year look any better. Romanian farmers have sown only a third of the normal winter crops because, since a land reform bill was passed, nobody knows who owns which fields. About 6.3 million property deeds have to be printed, but there are not enough printing presses.

At different levels, lack of confidence in the national currency and confused market reforms are affecting the whole region, which in terms of land and climate is the most fertile part of the European continent.

Albania is crippled by an almost total collapse in the distribution system and Albanians have been plundering railway carriages loaded with rare fertilisers and salt. They have also stormed food depots. Farmers, waiting for the privatisation of land, have been letting orchards go unpruned and crops lie unharvested.

The Ukraine, bread basket of the Soviet Union, had a good harvestof about one tonne per person, more than 18 per cent higher than the West European average. But, with the present uncertainty in central authority, it remains to be seen whether the Ukraine is ready to feed the rest of the Soviet Union. Like the Georgians and Moldavians, the Ukrainians would prefer to export food to countries paying in hard currency.

Poland's web of internal debt is so intricate that it baffles even the Harvard graduates in the finance ministry. The government still subsidises housing co-operatives, which none the less do not have enough money to pay the heating utility companies, which as a consequence are deeply in debt to the government. As a result, half Warsaw will be underheated this winter. And coal miners, like their colleagues in Bulgaria, Romania and the Ukraine, are likely to be politically restless since governments are in no position to raise their wages again.

The main victims of the winter will be the new urban poor. Bulgarian statistics show that almost half the population is on the poverty line. Figures released from several countries show how the situation is biting: 60 per cent of Bulgarians have stopped sending their children to kindergarten because of the fees, a quarter of Polish children are being sent to school without breakfast or packed lunch because of the financial squeeze. Hospitals and schools in Poland, as elsewhere in central Europe, now have their own budgets but precious little income and are frequently unable to heat low-priority wards or kindergartens or are forced to work half days.

Middle East talks falter over venue

Israelis challenge 'impertinent' US

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND ADAM KELLIHER IN BEIRUT

THE Bush administration faced an uphill battle over the weekend to persuade Israel and its Arab neighbours to resume negotiations in Washington next month.

Although invitations were issued on Friday to attend the proposed December 4 bilateral talks, Israel continued to waver over its response, the Palestinians made inconsistent comments and Jordan — the only country to accept the talks outright — was snubbed as a result by Syria. All the parties are likely to attend after some arm-twisting, but the general level of mutual suspicion does not bode well for the future of the bilateral negotiations.

Yesterday in Israel ministers and newspaper commentators reacted furiously to what they regarded as high-handed American decision-making about the proposed date and venue. Israel has insisted that the talks reconvene in the Middle East, but when they failed to reach agreement with Arab leaders, the White House announced the venue unilaterally. Israelis were doubly furious when the invitations were sent to Palestinian delegates before Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, had had a chance to put his case to President Bush at the White House on Friday.

Speaking last night on his return to Israel, Mr Shamir insisted that the issue of the venue had still not been settled to his satisfaction and that he had asked the White House to reconsider the matter.

Ehud Olmert, the health minister and a close adviser to Mr Shamir, said: "There is no doubt at all we are speaking of an administration that does not try or pretend to show ... some amount of friendship or an effort to co-ordinate as was common with other administrations." Ronnie Milo, the police minister, described the invitation as an "impertinent ultimatum".



In the Palestinian camp there appeared to be some confusion about the Washington conference, when Bassam Abu Sharif, an adviser to Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, was quoted as saying the Palestinian delegation would attend. However, Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman for the Palestinian team, insisted that no decision had yet been taken and that details of the composition of the team could still delay a positive answer.

Jordan was rewarded for its prompt response by a snub from Damascus, which cancelled a visit by Farouk al-Sharaa, Syrian foreign minister, to Amman. Lebanon will have to wait for its masters in Damascus to decide when to reply. Syria and Lebanon seem likely to confirm that they will attend the peace talks with Israel but fighters will keep trying to kill each other in southern Lebanon.

After the largely symbolic meeting in Madrid last month, this round will deal with more substantial issues such as the disputed territories occupied by Israel, water rights and possible bilateral co-operation on a wide range of issues. Damascus had been reluctant to attend the second phase, maintaining that discussions were meaningless while Israel insisted its occupation of the Syrian territory of the Golan Heights was non-negotiable. To prevent Syria's withdrawal, James Baker, the US Secretary of State, is reported to have secured a private concession from Israel that the disputed area can be discussed. Mr Bush's offer of Washington as the venue assuages Arab opposition to Israel's pitch that the second phase be held in the Middle East. They objected to any formal recognition of Israel, often referred to as "the Zionist entity", without resolution of the status of Israel's occupied territories.

The diplomatic moves are expected to have repercussions in southern Lebanon, where Lebanese security sources are predicting an upsurge in fighting this week. Violence has escalated since fighters from radical Palestinian and Islamic groups staged a series of attacks to coincide with the Madrid conference, killing at least six Israeli soldiers and wounding 11 others.



Shouldering the burden: Amina Saleh, a Kurdish girl aged nine, playing her part in the battle for survival by carrying firewood for her family at Sayed Sadiq, near the Iraq border with Turkey. Turkey's Anatolia news agency, quoting the Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan radio, reported yesterday that Kurdish separatists from Turkey had joined with Iraqi troops in attacking Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq. According to the radio, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has provided militants of Turkey's separatist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) with "all sorts of weapons so they can kill American doctors and other officials" from relief organisations in northern Iraq. The station is operated in northern Iraq by the Democratic Party of Iraqi Kurdistan headed by Massoud Barzani. PKK rebels have been fighting the Turkish government since 1984. They found refuge in the mountainous Iraqi borderland when Iraqi troops withdrew from the region after the Kurdish rebellion in Iraq last March, according to Turkey.

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Djibouti fighting drags on

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

FRANCE offered yesterday to mediate to end fighting in Djibouti but showed no sign of agreeing to the Red Sea republic government's request for military intervention against Afar rebels.

"France will do everything that seems necessary to help President Hassan to preserve his national territorial integrity and restore peace," a foreign ministry statement said. "Starting now, France is talking to all parties involved."

The Djibouti government appealed last week for French military help, invoking a 1977 agreement in which Paris promised to defend its former colony against external aggression. The government said the Afar rebellion was launched from Ethiopia.

But yesterday's statement suggested that military action by France was not likely, at least for the time being. Diplomats say France, which has 4,000 troops in Djibouti, is reluctant to be sucked into a new African military adventure and is sceptical of Djibouti's claim that it had been invaded.



Konishiki: tips scales at over 570lb

'Dump Truck' strikes

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

AMID feverish excitement, Hawaiian-born Konishiki, the darling of this summer's Albert Hall Sumo *basho*, delivered a whopping blow to the jaw of his chunky opponent, Kirishima, and imperiously sent him flying out of the ring to win the Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament for the second time in two years.

Cushions rained down on the ring and spectators leapt up from their *tatami* mat seats to cheer the meatiest Sumo wrestler in history as Konishiki heaved his monumental frame down from the ring and lumbered backstage for a television interview.

"I'm thrilled," was all he could mutter breathlessly into the microphone as diminutive minions rapidly worked on repairing and re-oiling his top-knot of hair and rubbing down, in teams of four, the massive sweat-drenched body that earned Konishiki the nickname "Dump Truck" when he visited London. Since then he has put on yet more weight and today tips the scales at 254 kilograms (571.5lb).

Konishiki's second tournament win yesterday will double the pressure on the Sumo authorities to promote him from his present status of Ozeki to the top-ranking Yokozuna status, a title held by national Sumo heroes over the centuries.

The problem for the Sumo Association is that the sport's closely guarded and sacred tradition has never allowed a foreigner to invade the hallowed ranks of the Yokozuna.

Botha takes to warpath

Johannesburg — The former South African president, P.W. Botha, has furiously accused the National Intelligence Service of being corrupt and inefficient in destroying a tape recording of a conversation he had with Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, in 1989 (Gavin Bell writes).

Mr Botha, angry at suggestions that he triggered the reform initiatives of his successor, President de Klerk, insists it would have proved that he made it clear to Mr Mandela that the the ban on the ANC could not be lifted until it renounced violence.

But Neil Barnard, the head of intelligence, says he destroyed the tape "in the national interest".

Mayors sacked

Dhaka — Begum Khaleda Zia, the prime minister of Bangladesh, sacked all 460 elected mayors and dissolved opposition-dominated local government councils in a bid to consolidate her control of the administration.

Killing stepped up

Lisbon — Pro-independence groups in East Timor say Indonesian troops are killing and detaining more people in the former Portuguese colony since 19 demonstrators were killed during a protest march earlier this month. *(Reuter)*

Fighting increases

Nairobi — Rebels and forces loyal to President Ali Mahdi Muhammad stepped up artillery and rocket barrages in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, as last week's total of wounded rose to 4,000, relief workers said. *(Reuter)*

Schools purged

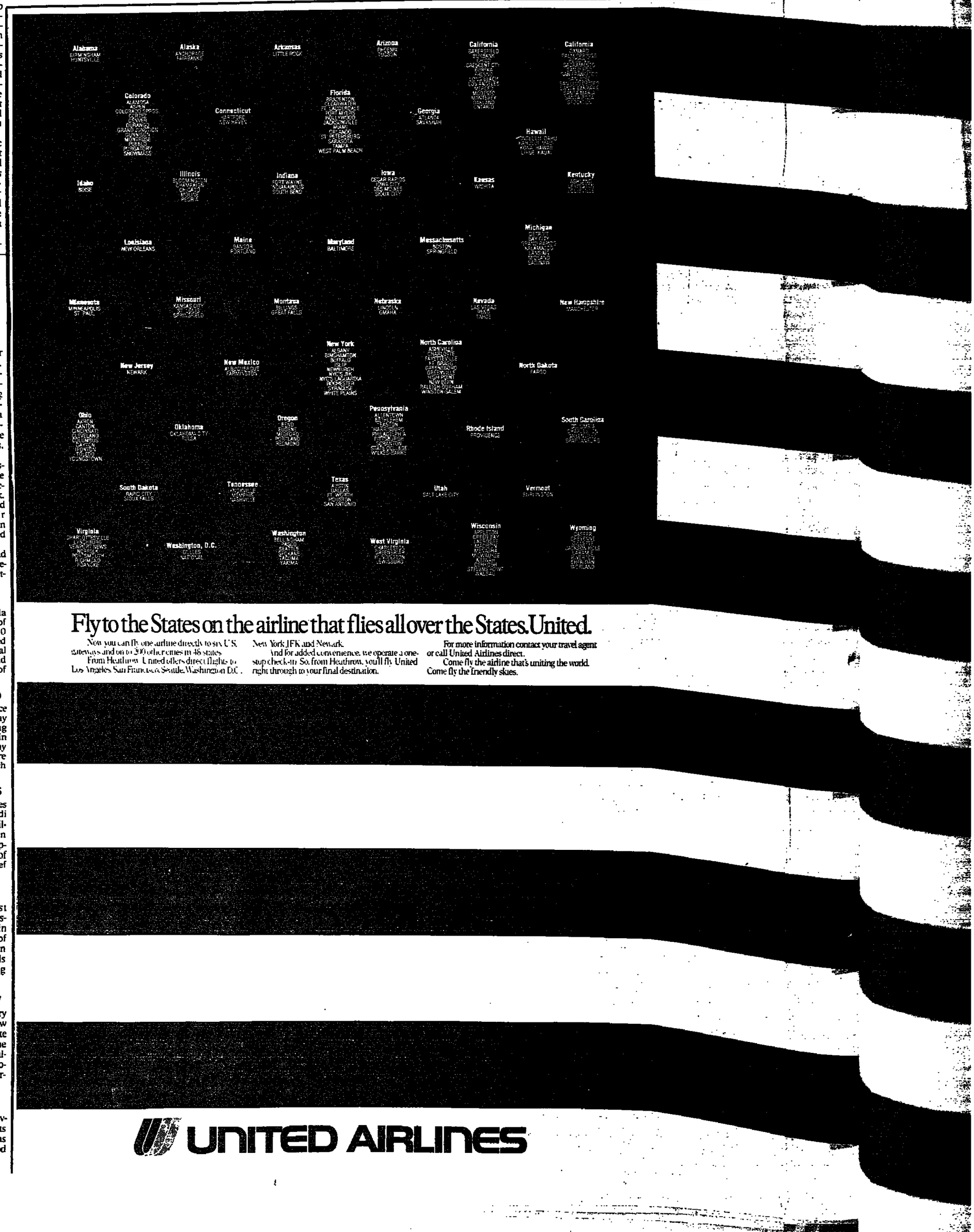
Peking — Communist authorities in China's Muslim region of Xinjiang, in what appears to be a purge of religious teachers, have taken control of private schools accused of training separatists. *(AFP)*

Spoonful of honey

Wellington — Laboratory tests have shown that a New Zealand honey can eliminate a bacteria that is one of the main causes of stomach ulcers, Peter Molan, a biochemist at Waikato University near Auckland, said.

Chicken feed

Havana — The Cuban government is urging residents of Havana to raise chickens at home to ease food shortages. *(AFP)*



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Aide begs Moi to talk to opposition

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

PETER Oloo Aringo, chairman of Kenya's ruling Kenyan African National Union, yesterday made an unprecedented call on President Moi to open a dialogue with opposition leaders recently released from police custody after a failed attempt to organise a pro-democracy rally in Nairobi.

He said: "The right of the people to criticise the government and its leaders is inherent in the democratic process. And we should be tolerant and listen to the views of the people however critical they might be."

Mr Aringo, who is in the cabinet, said it was futile for the Kenyan government to encourage talks between Nelson Mandela, head of the African National Congress, and President de Klerk of South Africa when "we are not encouraging dialogue in our own society".

Such public statements from a minister would have been political suicide a few months ago in Kenya. But there is an increasing debate on the nation's political future as senior figures try to work out a peaceful transition to multi-party democracy. Debate in the one-party parliament has also increased with back-benchers relishing attacks on ministers. MPs have also been pressing President Moi for change in his meetings with parliamentary groups.

"The president is anxious to preserve the national unity but he knows that change is inevitable. If he were to retire or enter a presidential election he would not want to do that against a background of chaos and violence. He is obsessed with maintaining stability," a source close to the president said.

Kenya is under intense international pressure to reform the one-party state which was written into the constitution in 1982. Last week Britain made public with its call for democratisation and issued a veiled threat that any slowing in the pace of change would be met with a reduction or total cut in aid to Kenya, at present about £14 million a year.

"Donors are going to be tough, and that includes Britain," said Lynda Chalker, minister for overseas development. She said hints that multi-party elections might be held next year must become reality because if President Moi fails, "we will draw our own conclusions".

Her remarks come as the seven largest debtor nations meet to discuss future aid policy at the Paris Club today and against the background of the enquiry into the murder of the popular Kenyan foreign minister, Robert Ouko. The murder enquiry has allegedly revealed high-level corruption and dark dealings by senior members of the government. Last week Nicholas Biwott, the minister of industry, who was named as the chief suspect in the murder, was sacked.

Over the past few weeks, President Moi has sent mixed signals about his attitude to change. Diplomats have been delighted with the freeing of the Kenyan press which has covered the Ouko enquiry and corruption scandals in detail. Opposition leaders' activities have been reported in detail.

Defiant Haiti suffers embargo gladly

BY ALAN TOMLINSON IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THERE appeared to be little optimism yesterday of a quick solution during the second day of talks in the Colombian city of Cartagena, between a delegation from Haiti's parliament and Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the country's deposed president, on the possibility of his reinstatement.

Also discussed were the chances of raising the trade embargo imposed by the 34-nation Organisation of American States after the September 30 military coup which toppled the popular president and is causing much hardship. Father Aristide, who voiced optimism about his return when he arrived in Cartagena on Friday, said: "We are not talking about whether I shall return but how I will return." But the two sides failed to make progress.

Dejean Belizaire, the senate's president, said that lifting the embargo is a moral obligation for the international community because of the people's suffering. But in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, people like Adelita Joseph, who supported an extended family of 20 people on £2 a day earned as a machinist in the rag trade before she was laid off on Thursday, said she was neither angry nor upset at the economic boycott which had forced her factory to close.



Poor's champion: Father Aristide meets the press during talks in Cartagena

"No," she said, "we don't want the boycott lifted. The return of President Aristide is the only hope for Haiti. Keep the boycott on." It was a strange scene inside the silent garment factory as Caribbean International, one of 80 companies that make up Haiti's crucial dollar-earning assembly industry, gave its 2,000 workers the bad news. "Vive l'embargo!" they all shouted.

"Vive Aristide!" Oseleine Moreau, aged 33, said. "We must suffer today to win tomorrow. "Let all the factories close," added an old woman at the next workbench. "We don't care. Give us Aristide."

The poor who gave the former priest his landslide election victory a year ago seem willing to endure the suffering to see Father Aristide reinstated, as the OAS is insisting he must be before the embargo is lifted.

"We are used to doing without," said another redundant machinist. "We will go to our families in the mountains and live on potatoes and plaintain." They may have to walk to their rural relatives. An acute oil shortage has brought transport almost to a halt, along with other basic services, including electricity and water. An entire block of poor houses in the centre of the city burnt down on Wednesday night because water could not be pumped to the neighbourhood. Haiti's second city of Cap Haitien has been without light for three weeks.

"The boycott came into effect on November 5 and we have felt it in just ten days," said Raymond Lafontant, president of the Association of Haitian Industrialists. Twelve foreign companies have left Haiti as a result and he fears there will be many others unless a political solution is reached soon.

Beauty woos bookish Beast

Charles Bremner discovers that fairy stories are not what they used to be. Girls that hang around palaces waiting for their prince have been banished

CHILDREN across America are queuing up to see *Beauty and the Beast*, a new blockbuster launched in time for Christmas by the Walt Disney Company. Another sweet and lavishly animated tale about handsome princes, castles and fairy godmothers, in the tradition of *Snow White* or perhaps the *Lady and the Tramp*?

Of course not. Such a film would tempt prosecution on at least half a dozen charges by the new culture police. This new fairy tale, which has won ecstatic reviews and is being suggested for an Oscar, might have been better titled *Disney goes Politically Correct*.

In tune with the censorious mood prevailing in America, Disney has gone out of its way to rid the 18th century fairy tale of anything that smacks of a "negative stereotype". No-one these days would want their child to see a role-model as "inappropriate" as one of those helpless females who hang around waiting for a prince to wake them from a substance-induced coma. Even Snow White, the least passive of the Disney heroines, tolerated a high degree of harassment from a gang of men, albeit "physically challenged" ones.

Thanks to Disney's enlightenment, Belle, the new-look Beauty, is a wilful 18-year-old with admirable self-esteem. The best-read person in a small French town, she spends her time buried in books and railing against the provincial minds of her local community.

The butt of the comedy is Gaston, a fatuous white hunk who pursues Belle with gross insensitivity. His hobbies include cruelty to animals, as witnessed by the antlers fixed to the wall of his recreation room. Belle, needless to say, spends no time frolicking with field mice, doing housework or swooning over a ballgown.

She *does* fight off wolves and shows her true grit by offering to give her life to save her father. The Beast, to whom she is attracted for the scope of his fine library, is a highly challenged individual of indeterminate race, or indeed species. Free of any "lookist" tendencies, Belle forges a caring relationship with him. The lesson might have been marred by the Beast's inevitable transformation into the blandly handsome prince, but the makers have managed to redeem this by turning him into a "survivor" who grows into a caring man, equipped for a long-term mutual commitment with the female hero.

Linda Woolverton, the screenwriter, does acknowledge having taken a few liberties with the 18th century story. "I don't think a throwback character would be accepted now," she said. "I really wanted to write a strong, independent, adventurous female."



Poster power: Disney tells the modern tale

The guardians of sensitivity agree. Carroll Weinberg, a child psychiatrist, said Beauty was an ideal role model for modern girls. "The message is a valuable one for boys. There is a great need for them to get comfortable with such girls."

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Nasa puts shuttle pilots in back seat

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SPACE shuttles may soon be landing by automatic pilot because it is feared that astronauts on the longer missions might be unfit to land the craft manually.

Nasa, the US space agency, ordered testing of an automatic system for a shuttle mission in 1993 when studies indicated that after 13 days in space astronauts can suffer dizziness and other potentially hazardous conditions caused by prolonged shifts in blood pressure. At the moment Nasa's four shuttles are partly automated on their glide back to Earth, guided by microwave beams transmitted from shuttle runways.

William Lenoir, Nasa's space flight director, has ordered the test, planning to introduce computer-controlled systems that also deploy landing gear and brakes to make a fully automated system.

Nasa, which is planning a 13-day voyage this summer, is also concerned at the effect of weightlessness on astronauts when America begins building its space station, Freedom, later in the decade. Missions then could last up to a month, and could stretch to several months when the station is fully in use.

A $300-million (£176-million) defence satellite was scheduled to lift off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, last night. The mission, which was to have been launched last Tuesday, was postponed after a fault was suspected in the guidance system of the defence support programme. Engineers have now replaced the unit, but now believe it may have been a rogue alarm.

CINEMA

A brief encounter with a top-hatted man about mirth

Geoff Brown welcomes a London film season in tribute to Raymond Griffith, a forgotten master of silent comedy

In 1925, one Hollywood movie magazine proclaimed: "In a few years, this Griffith will be Chaplin's only rival". "This Griffith" was not D.W. Griffith, director of *Intolerance*, but the silk-hatted comedian Raymond Griffith, peerless portrayer of jewel thieves, skirt chasers and sozzled men about town.

By 1926, Robert E. Sherwood was telling *Life* magazine readers that "Raymond Griffith leads all comedians in point of ingenuity, imaginativeness and originality". Yet by 1928, the bubble had more or less burst.

Following his silent dramatic cameo as a dying French soldier — facing Lew Ayres in the foxhole, in *All Quiet on the Western Front* — Griffith slid into history, ending his career behind the scenes as an associate producer for Twentieth Century Fox. But he has never been completely forgotten: and one peek at the National Film Theatre's delicious December season "Raymond Griffith: An Elegant Clown" will tell you why. For Griffith is someone special. This man can carry off visual slapstick with the athletic abandon of the best. He was trained as a stage dancer, and in his earliest Hollywood days served as clown and gagman for Mack Sennett. Yet he also pitches and times his gags with a refinement that suggests the European art of Max Linder. (Indeed, around the turn of the century, Griffith spent time in Europe as a boy member of a pantomime troupe.)



Cool: Raymond Griffith (right) in *Hands Up!*

Above all, Griffith is a nonchalant comic, facing life's problems with a mixture of bemused grins and absurd *sang-froid*. Tears, frenzy and sentiment are entirely alien. Take one scene in the Civil War satire *Hands Up!* (1927), Griffith's most famous film and possibly his best (only a portion of his output survives).

Arrested as a Confederate spy, Griffith stands before the Northern troops' firing squad, beaming graciously at all and sundry, dressed in his usual, if incongruous, attire: opera cape, silk hat. On comes a passing woman with a hamper of crockery. At the sound of "Fire!", Griffith tosses a plate in the air; the firing squad, true to their instincts, gun it down. More plates are tossed — a big one here, a little one there — always with a showman's flourish. A melodrama chestnut has been lampooned; imminent death has been diverted into vaudeville.

Silent comedy is full of frantic muggers who leave most modern audiences cold: try laughing now at moon-faced Larry Semon. But Griffith's elegance and economy of gesture strike a definite contemporary note: he was laidback long before the term existed.

The marital farce *Open All Night* (1924) boasts the thrills and spills of a six-day bicycle race, and a wonderful roll-call of players: Viola Dana, Adolphe Menjou, Jetta Goudal. Yet it is Griffith you keep aching to see as the permanently pickled Igor, absurdly touted throughout Paris as "the new movie sheik".

Griffith's film career began in humble two-reelers around 1914, but it could probably only have blossomed at Famous Players-Lasky in the Twenties, when the studio brought European standards of sophistication to almost every corner of their films, from sets and costumes to ladies' morals. Griffith thrived on heady nonsense, and Famous Players-Lasky rarely ducked the challenge.

Director Clarence Badger, a neglected talent, seemed particularly susceptible to Griffith's style of comedy: along with *Hands Up!* he also handled *Paths to Paradise* (1925), a marvellous, fleet-footed tale of two con-artists teaming to steal a necklace. (Griffith eventually steals the surrounding safe as well.)

Then there came *You'd Be Surprised* (1926), only recently brought back into circulation. A diamond is missing, and a district attorney lies dead. "Don't touch a thing: this is a case for the coroner!" everyone cries. Enter Griffith, wheeling gracefully through every cliché of the murder mystery genre. Arthur Rosson's bizarre direction (highly theatrical in pace and tone) adds to the film's craziness.

Griffith was riding high; but it was not to last. The abrupt curtailment of his career used to be explained by his weak, whispering voice: Griffith himself told the story that he ruined it as a child actor, screaming night after night in the melodrama *The Witching Hour*.

Here we should add a pinch of salt: one colleague told film historian Kevin Brownlow that Griffith was, in the nicest way, "a congenital liar". In any case, he managed to make two talkie shorts, and one contemporary report indicated that his voice registered with the early microphones better than "many a bell-like baritone". His stubbornness might be another reason: some accounts indicate that Griffith was vain, pernickety, and a difficult man to arrange a contract with. Yet he was not too vain to start a new career off-camera, working especially with Darryl F. Zanuck, and assisting on films as varied as *Gold Diggers of 1933*, *The Three Musketeers* and *Heidi*. He retired in 1940, and died, in his sixties (his exact birthdate remains vague), in 1957.

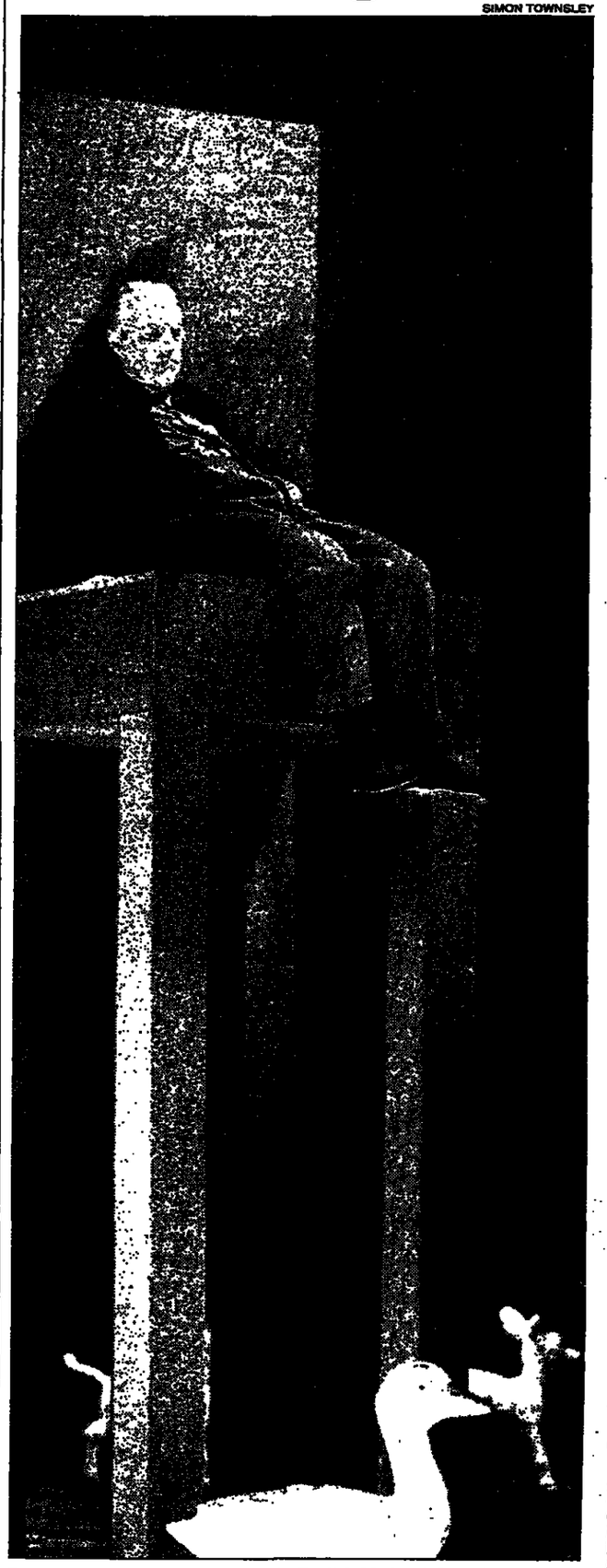
Whatever the explanation, Griffith's career as a silent comedian ended with the Twenties. It was perhaps inevitable: his amiable, devious man about town, permanently wedded to top hat and tails, was a definite Jazz Age creation. But Raymond Griffith, with supreme elegance and mischievous wit, made the type live, once and for all.

▪ *The Raymond Griffith Season begins at the National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3232) on Wednesday with a screening of* Hands Up! *at 8.30pm.*

STAGE DESIGN: LIGHTING

Seeing is disbelieving

SIMON TOWNSLEY



Postmodernist light? Neil Howlett in English National Opera's production of David Blake's *The Plumber's Gift*, lit by Pat Collins in 1989

Lighting designers, **Andy Lavender** writes, are the often unrecognised power behind the success of stage productions large and small

Those wanting to see impressive illuminations in London this winter, could do far better than a stroll along Regent Street or Oxford Street. Two productions about to open promise visual excitement, courtesy of two American lighting designers. David Hersey arranges the shadows in the Royal Shakespeare Company's chiller, David Edgar's *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, while Pat Collins has lit Richard Jones's English National Opera production of Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*, at the Coliseum.

One of the injustices of modern theatre and opera is that, while audiences may thrill to the spectacle, they rarely recognise the work of the person who has made it visible. Yet advances in technology have coincided with an emphasis on the creative contribution of the lighting designer.

"It's to do with space and form, not simply visibility," says Hersey. "I like light to be architectural. Get a bit of smoke and dust in the air; you can almost reach out and touch the beams. And it's very often also a question of tempo: how light flows and subsides, ebbs and arrives."

The days have long gone when someone like Hersey would provide a generalised wash of light, and then wobble a follow-spot on the star. Lighting now is all about power, variety and control. High-wattage lights, for instance, deliver unprecedented levels of brightness, allowing the designer to flood the stage with a vivid and intense light. Or there is Parcan, an import with American musicals in the late Sixties, which gives a dense, precise beam.

Some companies now also produce individual lanterns (stage lights) which are themselves programmable, able to change colour and direction; they were first used in British theatre in *Miss Saigon*. And all this is available at a touch of a button, because one of the most significant advances, in the early Seventies, was the introduction of computerised lighting desks, able to store data for hundreds of pre-set effects.

These techniques do not only apply to the big West End productions. Pinter's *Party Time* at the Almeida, for example, features an almost unwatchable white light which shines from behind a door opening. The lightbox responsible for this is composed of 90 fluorescent tubes.

The current state of the art owes much to the flashier world of rock and pop. "Music events expanded the visual reference to a drug culture, where explosions of colour and light became the next thrill," suggests Collins. "That played back into theatre. We moved past a pictorial, watercolour composition of light into a kind of light which was physiological: a light like a hallucination."

Plenty of scope here, then, for David Hersey as he works on the RSC's *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Hersey is familiar to English audiences through his lighting on blockbuster musicals such as *Miss Saigon*, *Cats*, *Les Misérables* and *Starlight Express*. Watching him at work, stalking around designer Carl Toms's naturalistic set, it becomes clear that *Dr Jekyll* will be an altogether more subtle affair.

"It's pretty heightened, this piece," he points out. "It'll be moody, sinister, textured. Even within a naturalistic setting there are moments when we'll be able to push it to a real extreme: the first time we see Jekyll in his lab, for instance. I've got some friends who have a system that is a part of discotheques. They're just a series of strobes, really, but they're individually addressable in a computerised way, and you can dim them as well. So you can have an image of someone by a window, and suddenly this kind of light will come up and shimmer and go down again. That is the kind of effect that you would normally only do on film."

Here, technology serves the creative impulse. Previous Hersey innovations include the "light curtain" — a wall of light that can move and take on different colours, so it is surprising that his preference is for a style that tends towards self-effacement.

"The lighting designer is part of a major support system for making a story clear," he says. "In my view, the most satisfying productions are the ones where you can't really tell where each element of the set design, lighting and stage direction starts and finishes. Ironically, when you are successful you become invisible."

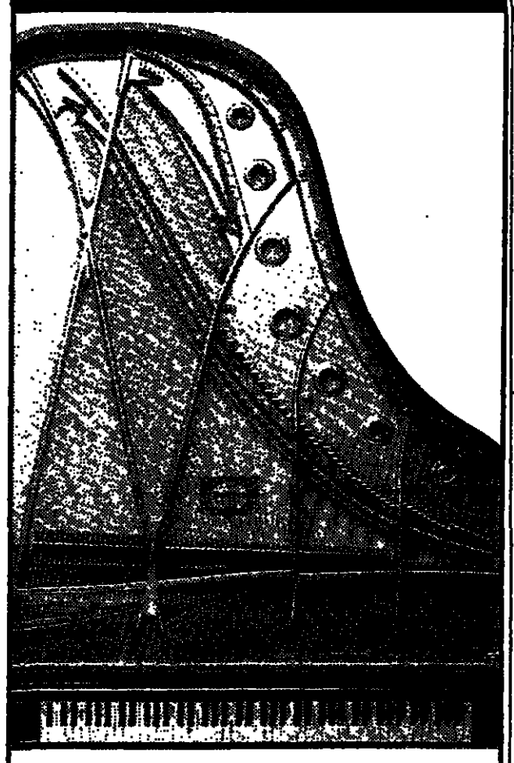
By contrast, there is a very different, perhaps more subversive school of theatre and opera — "the postmodernist camp", in Hersey's description — which delights in wearing its aesthetics on its sleeve. One might guess that ENO's new production of *Die Fledermaus* will pitch itself proudly in this camp. This is the third time that Pat Collins has worked in London with director Richard Jones and designer Nigel Lowery, after David Blake's *The Plumber's Gift* for ENO and Corneille's *The Illusion* at the Old Vic. The last-named revisited established conventions and gave them a macabre twist.

Lowery's set for the jail scene in *Die Fledermaus* depicts a wall of vivid lime green, housing a row of cell doors leaning in regimented drunkenness, with a single light bulb hanging over a desk. "I said, 'What if we put this light source in the jail scene so it would look a little spooky, funny and strange?'" says Collins. Her job, as she sees it, is to "tie the lighting into what the style of the show is. But I can *push* the style of the show."

Lighting designers prefer to let their effects speak for themselves. "Lighting is a difficult thing to have a common vocabulary about," says Hersey. Collins says that this is the first interview she has given for 15 years. The problem is finding the language to define the material they work with. Light is shifting and evocative; elusive and indefinable. You simply have to see it for yourself.

▪ The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde *opens at the Barbican (071-638 8891) on Wednesday.* Die Fledermaus *opens with a Royal Gala at the Coliseum (071-836 3161) on Monday next.*

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THE Channel 4 documentary *Damned in the USA*, dealing with the danger of censorship inherent in arts funding, is being blocked in America by the Revd Donald Wildmon and his American Family Association. Wildmon figures prominently in the film, and claims right of approval over where it may be shown. He has filed a $500,000 suit against the British director-producer Paul Yule and his co-producer Jonathan Slack, because the film was shown in America without his permission. *Damned in the USA*, which included an image of a male member decorated with a caricature of Senator Jesse Helms — has been nominated for an International Emmy Award.

Call to legs

ALMOST 200 dance professionals have asked the Arts Council to double its spending on dance, and immediately redistribute its existing funds. The call was made at a meeting of Dance UK, which heard that 90 per cent of the Arts Council's £18 million budget for dance goes to six national companies, leaving only £600,000 for the rest.

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Is it fair to lay all blame for problem children on upbringing? ***Heather Kirby*** *considers the limits of parental influence*

The perils of good parenting

As any parent knows, it is the teachers, psychologists and politicians who come up with theories about children's behaviour, and the parents who get the blame.

You do not have to be a single parent of a "problem" child to feel a victim of parent bashing. Almost any parent can find his or her child-raising capabilities under question by peers ("Whose are those ghastly, noisy children?") and professionals ("How often do you read with your child?").

And never have there been more surveys about the nature of the "good" parent. According to one published this month, good mothers are strict, lax ones breed delinquents and those who are inconsistent tend to produce teenagers with violent tantrums. This, of course, contradicted earlier research that suggested intense or severe punishment leads to criminality.

But parents know that raising children is far more complicated than striking a balance between being a tyrant and being a soft touch. There are other influences that often negate what a parent says. What children hear outside the family, and who they hear it from, is often, from the point of view of a parent, horrifying. Mary Whitehouse sent the results of a monitoring exercise by a volunteer panel of the National Viewers and Listeners' Association to the prime minister this month. She said the use of the F-word had increased sixfold this year and swearing generally had more than doubled.

Even the most liberal parents of young children may find reason for anxiety in the sight of ice-cream being sold as a sex aid, the sexually explicit lyrics of pop songs or the promiscuous behaviour of a sporting hero.

Liz and John Wilson of Kemp Town, Brighton, who have five children ranging in age from four to 20, lament the constant battle to instil their own values rather than the ones children receive from elsewhere, especially television.

"There are always naked couples groping each other, in or out of a marital situation, on television and they have a very strong impact, particularly on my daughter, Annabel, who is 16 next month," Mrs Wilson says.

"The other day she said something quite outrageous: 'I can't wait to have sex.' This was just after she had been watching a programme, and it wasn't after nine o'clock."

Peer group pressure can have as much, and sometimes more, influence on children as their parents. James Lytle, an insurance broker of Withdean, Sussex, who has five children ranging in age from two to 19, thinks there is only so much parents can do to influence their children.



On call: Pat Lytle and daughter Donna, aged 19

'I think she came home drunk a couple of times when she was 17, but I didn't do anything about it. She is the one who has to live with the hangover, not us'

"You have them until they are 16 or 17 and then they will make their own decisions," he says. "My daughter Donna is 19 and goes to art school, and if she wants to drink, for instance, I don't think I can stop her.

"I introduced Donna to alcohol in limited amounts a few years ago at Christmas parties, nothing excessive, and I think she came home drunk a couple of times when she was 17, but I didn't do anything about it. She is the one who has to live with the hangover, not us, and only twice in two years is no great problem.

"I believe our daughter was over-protected through her childhood. I think my wife, Pat, was a little too strict with her, but whether that was right or not we shall have to see. I don't think I'm lax, but my attitude is that I don't expect her never to make a mistake, and as a parent you should always be there if they want to call on you."

Lord Joseph, the former education minister, addressing the annual meeting of the National Children's Home this month, said that bringing up children to accept the values of a civilised society was overwhelmingly the responsibility of parents, not of government, schools or churches. But how civilised is society? For some children, not very.

Ann Britnell and her husband Paul, of West Wickham, Kent, have three children aged 12, 15 and 19. Their daughter Samantha came home from school with a black eye one day, saying she had bumped her head on a door. "I discovered the truth when she was afraid to walk past a group of children, and it all came out," Mrs Britnell says. "One of them had been smoking a marijuana cigarette and because my daughter refused to smoke it too she was punched in the face. Children do have to stand firm on their own and it isn't easy for them.

"They say bringing up children is very rewarding, but I don't think it is. Every now and again you get little snippets which make you realise you've done something right, but that's all. One of those is the smoking incident. Apparently my daughter said: 'If I ever took that, my mum would never trust me again, so I won't.'

"I have rules: they have to be tidy; they have to be considerate; and I insist on good table manners. My children see me as authoritarian but disciplining them is a sign you care."

Lord Joseph is urging the government to ensure that parenting skills become part of the core curriculum in schools. If this drastic measure is considered necessary, who then will take the blame for inadequate parenting and all the problems it is said to create for society? The teachers, or the politicians?



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Model son: Jennifer Phillips and Chris, aged 18. "He brings girls home, but if they stay the night they have to sleep in the spare room."

Sweet sixteen: the age of reason?

Sixteen may be the age of consent, but is it the age of responsibility? Jennifer Phillips of Ovingdean, near Brighton, thinks that depends on the child. Some, she says, mature more quickly than others. She has two sons, James, aged 20, and Christopher, aged 18.

"As long as they are sensible about sex and take precautions and know what they're getting into, I feel that when they are ready to, then it is OK. I have never given our boys the idea it is something to be rushed into willy-nilly. We try to encourage them to think on the lines of sleeping only with girls you really care for, not that it is an automatic part of a relationship.

"James, as far as I know, is still a virgin. He is shy even though we sent him to a co-ed school. I would not embarrass him by asking, because I know the answer.

"I am assuming Christopher is not a virgin from the way he has spoken, although you are never quite sure what is just bravado. I suspect he stopped being a virgin during the last year. I once found some condoms on top of his wardrobe and joked about it, that it was really not on letting our daily find them.

"He is trying to become a model and has girls falling for him all the time, but I am assuming from the way he behaves he doesn't jump into bed with every girl he goes out with. He brings girls home, but if they stay the night they have to sleep in the spare room. I don't have any of this modern nonsense — you have to have some ground rules. Obviously if Christopher had moved away from home and was living with a regular girlfriend and they came for the weekend that would be different.

"In my experience youngsters today are not as promiscuous as the television might suggest. As for Aids, I am not sure whether they are terribly worried, and I think they should be more concerned."

Val Corbett, a director of Goldhawk, an independent television production company, decided that her daughter Polly was ready to take responsibility for one area of her life on her 16th birthday. Six months ago she began giving Polly child benefit of £30 a month to buy her clothes.

"How is it working? Badly. She spends it in the first week. I hoped that what she would do is save it up, but . . .

"The thing about teenagers is they can't visualise what they want to buy with the things they already have at home and work out whether it will go with anything else. Polly buys things which look pretty but are totally impractical. She is into colour now, although we had the permanent mourning look for a long time. It was like having your own French peasant.

"She has a perm now, which looks very nice, although I am not so keen on six ear-rings in each ear and a stud in her nose which she had done a few months ago. I tried to put her off by giving her all sorts of dire warnings about how dangerous piercing your ears can be, but she had one done and nothing happened so she went ahead with the rest. I am quite laid back about it now because if she gets tired of them the holes will close up again. But if she has a tattoo I would be beside myself."

Mobility can be a particular problem for parents fed up with being used as a taxi service, but anxious about the reliability and cost of public transport or the trustworthiness of older teenagers with cars.

Genevieve Breeden of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, decided that at 16 her son, Adam, was old enough to look after his own transport. She presented him with a moped on his birthday this month. "I will no longer be charging around, carting him in the back of my car with a set of golf clubs, and he can pop into town whenever he needs something. He will have a little element of freedom.

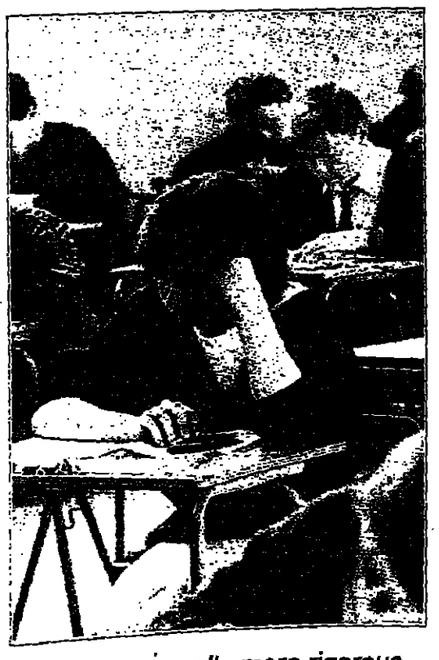
"My husband is worried about Adam being on the moped because of the extra traffic on the road, but I am not because he is so sensible," Mrs Breeden says.

"I have watched him riding his older brother's bike in the garden and he knows how to handle it. Also, it only does 20mph, it is just like a motorised bicycle. He has to pass a test and wear a crash helmet, whereas when his two older brothers went on a moped that wasn't statutory.

"Obviously Adam wouldn't use the bike to come home from a late-night party. He is not that sort of boy. You have to look at the character of your child and decide how trustworthy he is. If he rode like an idiot, then I wouldn't dream of allowing him out on the road.

"I feel the more you trust your children the more they will be sensible. If you clip their wings, when they do eventually fly away, they are likely to fall over the cliff."

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Are exams really more rigorous than coursework? This Friday TES News Focus investigates.

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Babies: whom do you trust?

Last week was a bad one for those parents who entrust part of their duties to a nanny. Carol Withers, a 28-year-old nanny, was found guilty of inflicting grievous bodily harm on two babies in her care.

What checks can parents make before employing a nanny to ensure that their children are in the very best of hands while not in their care?

Erica Ferrari, the mother of one of the babies Withers hurt, was personally recommended Withers, who had been a maternity nurse to a neighbour two years before. Mrs Ferrari was impressed by Withers's experience, manner, and photo album of previous well-to-do charges.

Jade Ferrari was barely three weeks old on January 25, 1990, when Mrs Ferrari returned home one morning to find her yelling; she had, Withers said, fallen out of her arms. Jade was taken to hospital and found to have a fractured skull. The Ferraris sacked Withers, and Jade recovered completely.

Withers was not a qualified nanny — she had failed her NNEB (National Nursery Examination Board) exam, but the two or three references she showed Mrs Ferrari looked fine. Withers said her certificates were "too bulky" to carry around, and would Mrs Ferrari like to be sent a copy? Mrs Ferrari said: "No, no, of course not."

You cannot be over-cautious and over-suspicious when it comes to your children's care and should not feel embarrassed or afraid to vet thoroughly a prospective nanny or mother's help. Ask awkward questions and ensure that:

- You see a nanny's training certificate, if she is qualified. (You can check with the NNEB that she is bona fide.)
- Every job has a reference.
- You see the reference *originals*.
- You ask her if she has ever been sacked.
- You are not being conned with false references (written by a friend).
- All CV gaps are explained. If she was "travelling", ask to see her passport.

Nanny reference is by its very nature anodyne: employers do not want to be libellous. So track down former employers on the telephone. References are the nanny's last hurdle and *your* last line of defence.

A childminder's police records are checked by the social services, but even if a nanny has been convicted of GBH, there is nothing to stop her answering an advertisement in *The Lady*.

The Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services (FRES), the employment agencies' trade association, has about 50 nanny agency members who have access to an "information exchange". Christine Little, its head, calls it an informal nanny blacklist.

The Withers case highlights again the need for Robert Chantry Price, the NNEB chief, to stop merely "considering" setting up a register from which convicted nannies could be struck off, but to get on with it before a nanny is found guilty of something even more serious.

HILAIRE GOMER

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There was no alternative

New theories about Mrs Thatcher's fall are wrong, says Peter Riddell

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horse was lost; and for want of a horse, the rider was lost. And for want of four votes, Margaret Thatcher lost. Yes, or rather no. The first anniversary of Mrs Thatcher's departure is being marked by multiple reassessments of what happened in November 1990 — *myth making that directly* affects the Conservative party's present convulsions over Europe.

Many historians detect neat patterns in events which those of us writing at the time struggle to evaluate through a fog of uncertainty. The danger for historians is over-determinism — implying that what did happen was the only thing that could have happened — while for political journalists it is believing that almost anything could happen, and falling prey to conspiracy theories. Historians can underestimate the role of individuals, while journalists can exaggerate it.

There is no certainty about any particular outcome. It is always possible to identify events that could easily have gone another way. If Hugh Gaitskell had not died of a sudden illness in early 1963 and if Harold Macmillan had not resigned because of a prostate operation that autumn, would the outcome of the October 1964 election have been different? There are endless permutations. Yet the process is not entirely random: the Tories were anyway unpopular in 1963 after a sharp economic downturn and were looking for a new direction after de Gaulle's rebuff of Britain's Common Market application. The Tories would have struggled to win the 1964 election under any leader.

> *'Some forget that policies had begun to change before she resigned; the initiative had shifted'*

Similarly, there are plenty of reasons why Mrs Thatcher was in political trouble last autumn: the poll tax, the deteriorating state of the economy, her increasing isolation over Europe, and the steady increase in the number of her enemies, inside and outside her party. But none of these explain why she fell when she did. She could have got an extra four votes on the first ballot of Tory MPs to give her the necessary victory margin. That she did not can be blamed on a number of factors, including an ineffective campaign and her absence in Paris at an international meeting for the two days before voting (she knew about, and could have avoided, the coincidence of dates).

Several books, including Alan Watkins's new *A Conservative Coup*, have focused on the manoeuvring between the first ballot and Mrs Thatcher's decision to stand down. Was a conspiracy conducted at meetings of ministers (not very secret since most were almost immediately discovered)? Did some of her long-term supporters behave disloyally? Mrs Thatcher and some of her remaining allies may want to believe in a plot which ended the rule of a leader who had three times won general elections and who had never been defeated in Parliament. But there is no real evidence of such a conspiracy.

Instead, my impression is of *ministers and Tory MPs attempting* to find a clear way through unforeseen and confused circumstances. Almost none expected her to fall when she did, but, after the first ballot, even close supporters believed she would be defeated on the second ballot, or only win by a humiliatingly small margin. Either way, the game was up and they had to adjust, for the sake both of themselves and their party.

But even if Mrs Thatcher had won on the first ballot, she would have been seriously damaged, rejected by more than two-fifths of her own MPs. She might have limped on, but hardly as a convincing challenger for a fourth term. Some of her remaining press supporters also forget that many policies had begun to change before she resigned; the initiative had already shifted to John Major and Douglas Hurd. They had forced her to accept sterling's entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System; public spending on health and education had been increased; and large sums had been spent to alleviate the poll tax. Mr Major has taken forward these changes, softening the style more than changing the substance. Admittedly, the poll tax is on its way out (which it is hard to imagine would be happening if Mrs Thatcher was still in Downing Street), and there has been a further shift towards spending on public services. But, for all the protests of Mrs Thatcher and Norman Tebbit, I wonder how different Britain's negotiating position would have been ahead of Maastricht if she had stayed on, even if Mr Major has been friendlier to other EC leaders in approaching the talks. The shift of rhetoric has been larger than that of substance.

Individuals obviously matter. There are some who in Churchill's vivid description of Joseph Chamberlain "make the weather". They set the agenda of politics rather than merely respond to events. Mrs Thatcher made the weather from 1981 up to about 1988. But by the time of her fall she had ceased to do so. In that respect, all the details of what happened in November 1990 are, however engrossing to Westminster buffs, secondary to the movement of broader political trends against her — a truth, to judge by her remarks over the past few days, she still does not appreciate.

It was not for want of four votes that Mrs Thatcher fell, and to believe otherwise is a delusion. Timing is everything in politics and her time was up.

Simon Jenkins, editor of *The Times*, introduces the change to Times Millennium

New types, new faces

'Reading *The Times* used to be an act of heroic endeavour, a Spartan trudge for the eye, obliged to plough endless unbroken furrows of dense print." So declared this newspaper in introducing its famous Times New Roman in 1932, designed by Stanley Morison and carved by the Monotype Corporation. That face has dominated world typography ever since. It would, said Morison, "lose no scintilla of that legibility which rests upon fundamental ocular laws, or of that readability which rests upon age-long customs of the eyes".

Half a century on comes Times Millennium. Designed by the typographer Aurobind Patel, the new face is firmly based on Morison's principles of clarity and familiarity. *Morison's type itself* went back to William Caslon's earliest fonts for *The Daily Universal Register* in the 1780s: they in turn referred back to the Latin faces of Garamond and Aldus in the Middle Ages. Typography is one of the great trace elements of Western culture.

Whereas from Aldus to Caslon and Morison new types had to be carved, Times Millennium has used modern computer graphics, taking typography straight from the age of hot metal to that of digital typesetting and laser printing. Our aim is to give readers a typeface that looks clear and elegant. In the place of the old roman and black are three strengths of colour — roman, demi and bold — all of which can be used for text, headlines, advertisements and City prices. Look at the wonderful teardrop *described* by the lower case "a" above.



Altered images: Times past (left) and Times present

The most noticeable characteristic of the face is a more flowing line to the letters and less prominence to lower-case ascenders and descenders (h, g, d, p, etc). The serifs are angular rather than horizontal, the font width is more elongated, less chunky. This has given us more words in the same text space and more white round them, with wider gutters between columns. There should be a more open feel to the pages of the paper. While clarity is as much a matter of printing quality as typography, the typographer can at least help.

The change is intended to be subtle rather than drastic. Times New Roman was a superb work of industrial art, but one designed for hot metal setting and the banging pressure of rotary letterpress. It had come to look insipid and often spidery when set by computer printed offset. Aurobind Patel, who recently redesigned the typeface of *The Economist*, has sought to restore some of the robustness of Morison's original.

Patel has been "eating and sleeping" the project for the past year, working with David Driver, *The Times*'s head of design, and the Icelandic typographer Gunnlaugur Briem. "When Times Roman was introduced the paper was predominantly typographic," says Patel. "All headlines were set in capitals across a single column and the page conveyed a restful, dignified feel. Today's paper is a mix of headlines, pictures, captions, graphics, reflecting the more urgent nature of world news."

The jump from aesthetics to the high technology of digitised faces indicates the excitement typography still holds for industrial designers. Mr Patel's work is no less that of an artist for being the product of a team of workers stooping over Apple Mac computers, "mouse" in hand.

The Times Millennium family has been arranged in 14 groups, including differing weights of headline and new faces for italics, advertising and tabulated statistics. This has meant the on-screen drawing of some 5,000 characters. A program called Fontstudio has enabled the designer to maintain a family likeness across groups of characters more precisely than if they had been drawn by hand (let alone carved in wood). The output of each design is not a picture of a letter but a mathematical formula for feeding into a computer typesetter. The new faces will be marketed worldwide and will, we hope, attain the same distinction as Times New Roman.

Improvements in typography are arcane, *like the improvements* sound technicians claim to be able to make in old music recordings. Such changes are often barely perceptible. Yet over time we do notice and appreciate them. They employ technology to push out the frontiers of what is feasible in art. To the journalist, as to the musician, they help us talk to each other. If you have noticed Times Millennium today, we hope you like it.

Portrait of a harassed lady

A politically correct icon is born, announces Bernard Levin



A good deal of fun has lately been had, on this side of the Atlantic, at some of the doings on the other side. The antics of those Americans who would abolish (and to a significant and sinister extent *have* abolished) free speech, offering instead only Political Correctness, are indeed comical to look upon, though they must be very considerably less funny to the people who suffer from them. The latest turn consists of censoring the very term Political Correctness in order to conceal the actions of these thought-police: the idea, presumably, is that if there is a recognisable enemy there may be organised resistance, though in practice there has been almost none, because the cowardice of the American intelligentsia is almost beyond belief, and certainly beyond measuring.

As always, it is only the plain people, denied access to the instruments of publicity, who have seen all this nonsense for what it is; there was a wonderful example of this only the other day. A ludicrously small and unrepresentative body had made it dangerous to portray Columbus as anything but a racist-imperialist-sexist and many another ist, and the poltroons of American academe fled at once from the fray, though a poll revealed that 90 per cent of ordinary Americans remained of the opinion that Columbus was a hero and benefactor. (I once said, in the presence of a worldy-wise Australian, that there was nothing in human, animal, insect or plant creation more cowardly than the head of an American university, and he said that unless I took back that claim he would punch my head, so certain was he that the faineants of Australian higher education would easily carry off the prize.)

Well, the intolerance of the loud is a well-studied phenomenon, though why it should be so much more intense in the United States than anywhere else I cannot say. Yet very recently there has been a rather special item in the catalogue of American folly, pusillanimity and threat; in this matter no race or other group is maligned even chimerically, no foul suggestion that one person might be cleverer than another (let alone more beautiful), no outrageous hint that it would be more sensible for a driver to run over a skunk than swerve and crash his car. The trouble was entirely the fault of Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes, who has been dead for 163 years. Dead, yes: but not forgotten.

It is well known that Goya painted two almost identical portraits of the Duchess of Alba: there is no difference of pose, appearance, character, age, nothing to distinguish them, save this: in one of the paintings she is fully clothed and in the other she is naked. Both pictures are powerful masterpieces, executed with ruthless verisimilitude, and the argument over which is the finer of the two portraits will go on for ever.

Except, that is, at Penn State University in Pennsylvania. There was a reproduction of the *Naked Maja* hanging in one of the music rooms of the university; it had been there for 10 years, doing no harm and indeed presumably delighting those who enjoy beauty or genius or both. But someone disliked both; her identity has not been unveiled, much less her person, but I am unkind enough to wager that her lineaments are such that few painters of any quality would care to paint her fully clothed, and fewer still naked.

This harpy claimed that Goya's genius was an act of "sexual harassment", not against the Duchess who, after all, consented to be thus immortalised, but against women in the university. (Mr Geoffrey Wheatcroft, *a good time ago*, appealed for some typographer to design a symbol which would mean "I am not making this up", and I do wish that a printing expert would heed his plea.)

Enter the Liaison Committee of the Penn State University Commission for Women, with a demand that the offending lady be instantly removed, whereupon the Thing in what passes for authority in this centre of learning, at once acquiesced, saying that the hanging of such pictures should be confined to art galleries or art classes.

We haven't finished. The Commission for Women put out a statement which said: "Female faculty find it difficult to appear professional when forced to lecture to a class with a picture of a female nude on the wall behind."

Never mind that they do not find anything of the sort, and never have; never mind that they have lectured in perfect equanimity with the picture on the wall for the past ten years; never mind that they were not "forced" to do anything at all; never mind that *there is not the remotest connection* between appearing professional and a picture on a wall; never mind the whole bundle of wonderful, preposterous, lurid, mad lies that that sentence consists of; have these ghastly creatures never heard of laughter? More to the point, have the students of Penn State University never heard of that most potent weapon against folly?

They do have sense, which is something: the head of the Student Government Association said: "This is clearly ludicrous censorship, but the problem is that it is a dangerous precedent to set." A good start, but it still leaves the groves of laughter silent.

Come, take some advice from me, my young friends, for in my time I have strewn many a banana skin before the unsuspecting feet of many a pompous idiot. Let us see you — not just a few, but hundreds, or better still thousands — parading about the campus with copies of the banned *Maja* on your chests. Organise a competition among female students willing to pose unclothed as the Duchess, and give a prize to the one who looks most like the painting. Cover the walls of the lecture room where the offending picture was hung with reproductions of the greatest nudes in the history of art, beginning with Botticelli's *Birth of Venus* and going right up to *September Morn*, but no Lucian Freud or Schiele, for heaven's sake, or you will sink the whole campaign.

You can do better still. Why not, in substantial numbers, turn up to a variety of lectures in the nude? Then again, though you must not interrupt a lecture, you can greet professors as they come out on to the platform with cries of "Get 'em off!", making sure, of course, that the invitation is directed to both male and female professors, lest you are indicted on a charge of sexual harassment. But I have shown you the way; I am sure you can think of any number of similar wheezes...

Best of all, find out the identity of the woman professor who started this lunatic business, and *tell me if I was right* when I deduced that Goya would have taken one look at her and burnt his brushes.



...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

There are inventions which fill an obvious need, like the electric light bulb. And there are inventions for which the application only dawns later. James Lovelock (author of *Gaia*) described his deep-frozen hampster thawing magnetron on *Desert Island Discs* recently. The magnetron also warmed his sandwiches and later became the microwave oven. It provides an example.

Another, as yet unrealised, occurred to me when I saw a recent *Times* article about photo-generation. Using photographs of successive British prime ministers a computer had generated "in between" photos so that, for instance, one saw Harold Wilson gradually change into Alec Douglas-Home. Stage by stage a round, fleshy face hollowed into Home's familiar skull. Later the pictures in the series began to resemble Jim Callaghan. The final "in-betweening" produced strange creatures half way between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major. As Mrs Thatcher's hair settled, then flattened, the angle at which her eyes are set began to alter and the drop between her nose and her (his?) upper lip grew.

Something like this process is used, too, in producing the thousands of images needed for moving cartoon pictures. Here, people do not change into new people but they move into new positions by incremental changes. All the computers need are "terminal" images: the worried frown with which Snow White's face starts, and the smile in which it ends. The machine does the in-betweening. A cartoonist draws two pictures, the first and the last, the computer draws 50, and the viewers see Snow White's sorrow turn to laughter. Motion pictures of real people, like cartoons, are produced by projecting a succession of still images, each marginally altered from the last.

So I see no reason in principle why in-betweening could not be used to make a moving picture of a grin spreading across Terry Wogan's face. You would only need two still photographs of his head, both in the same position, one with a frown and one with a smile. The machine would do the rest.

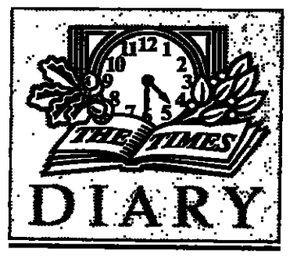
The mouth movements for talking would be more complicated. Lips move in a limited number of recognisable patterns and these could be reproduced using a set of "terminal" lip positions. Mr Wogan would provide camera close-ups for the necessary photographic data; and you would need various sets for various head and camera angles, head-nods, head-inclines, etc. Once these were committed to computer memory, television producers could write a script for "him", then generate the pictures of him "saying" it. Mr Wogan could go home.

But what about the sound? Well, have you heard the "lady" who gives out the numbers on directory enquiries? A machine mixes recordings of a voice pronouncing each number — "one", "two", etc — into the combination required. The demands of television would be more demanding, but not much; because, though you would need a recording of every word a presenter might use, the list would be quite short; the highest common vocabulary of the British viewing public.

The BBC would produce a computer record of each presenter saying these standard words; the script would be keyed into the machine, and the machine would produce the voice-over to be dubbed to the computer-generated picture.

I believe it could be done, crudely and at disproportionate cost, already; and that in the future we shall be able to finesse the process. Of course, sound and vision will never be *quite* the same as with flesh and blood people, but viewers will develop a taste for this. As is happening already, individuals will not seem "real" on television unless strange ways of acting and talking are adopted.

Think of the advantages. A whole committee will be able to interview the Chancellor, for "Brian Walden" will be generated from the control room. This is a direction in which television has been moving for decades, but until now flesh and blood have got in the way. From an age when a man played Max Headroom, we are moving to an age when Max Headroom will play a man.



Richter by far

A RETURN to work will be the least of Ian Richter's concerns this morning but, should he wish, he has a job waiting at his former employer. He has been on the payroll of Portals Water Treatment, now part of Thames Water, since his imprisonment more than five years ago, when his salary was about £30,000.

"There's definitely a job for Ian here," says Tim Curtin from Thames Water. "He was a very strong part of a very strong team. He's a man of huge personal talents." When he was arrested, Richter was overseeing the installation of a £600 million water purifying system in Baghdad as an engineer for a Portals subsidiary, but no one is expecting him to return to Baghdad.

Richter will have one professional card up his sleeve to impress Thames. While in prison, he completed a one-year postgraduate course in economics, finance and accountancy run by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, with textbooks supplied by the British embassy. Richter was only impeded from taking the exam by his Iraqi captors when the Gulf war had broken out.

Whatever the future holds for Richter, Thames will not be stinting in its celebrations if he returns. It promises to toast him with a glass of its finest bottled water.

Outboxed

THE Germans, it seems, know more about Britain's effort during the last war than we do. Some 15,000 pillboxes and other second world war installations in Britain are to be mapped here for the first time. The information, however, comes not from British sources, but from maps produced by German intelligence during the war.

The pillboxes were built after Dunkirk in anticipation of a German invasion. Now the Fortress Study Group, with the backing of the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments, is planning the first detailed map of their whereabouts. Brigadier Jock Hamilton-Baillie, chairman of the fortress group, says: "We're going to start with pillboxes, but we hope to map gun batteries as well. It will be difficult to find them all, but the German intelligence maps are accurate."

To those who doubt the value of preservation the brigadier says: "It was a tremendous effort to build them. They should be saved."

Saving energy

WHEN John Collins, chairman of Shell, unveiled the first report of the government's advisory committee on business and the environment he demanded increased emphasis on domestic house insulation.

The report from Collins, who heads the committee, recommends "specific programmes to encourage householders to invest in insulation and draught proofing". Odd then to learn several days later that Shell was ending its own interest in domestic cavity wall insulation.

In a memo to staff John Hancock, managing director of Thermocomfort, a subsidiary of Shell, wrote: "The domestic cavity wall insulation market has been bedevilled by several adverse factors. There are no signs that this difficult market position will improve in the forseeable future." That says little for the effectiveness of the committee's first report.

Pursued by a bear

THE REAL star of *The Cabinet Minister*, which opened at the Albery Theatre last week, is an 8ft stuffed grizzly. The prop is easily the most distinguished member of the cast, having made his acting debut ("judging by the age of his teeth", say his owners) when the rest of the actors were in nappies.

"He's probably getting better paid than us," says Derek Nimmo, who plays Sir Julian Twombley in



the play. The bear's starring role occurs in the second scene when he adorns the set in a Scottish castle. "He normally appears in Scottish castles. We first met in one 20 years ago when I was in the James Bond film *Casino Royale*."

Over the years, Nimmo says, their relationship has deepened. "And, as in this play I actually manoeuvre him round the stage, I feel we're getting closer."

Breaking ranks

THOSE who find the sight of Mrs Thatcher and Edward Heath denouncing the policies of their successors distasteful will be relieved to know that such behaviour is almost without precedent in the Conservative party.

Most former Tory prime ministers have preserved an almost Trappist silence after relinquishing office. Stanley Baldwin stated when he handed over to Neville Chamberlain in 1937: "Once I leave, I leave. I am not going to speak to the man on the bridge and I am not going to spit on the deck." Even Churchill, whose views on his successor, Anthony Eden, were not laudatory, expressed them only in private.

Transgressions of this rule have been infrequent. Harold Macmillan caused a frisson when, in 1984, he spoke out in the Lords against the government's policy towards the miners. However, Macmillan's conduct is excused by the official Conservative party historian, Lord Blake, on the grounds that Macmillan's intervention was "mischievous" and "not very serious". The same could hardly be said of those of his successors.

• *There may be a hidden reason for John Major's reluctance to provoke conflict with our EC partners at Maastricht. The last time the British attended an engagement in the Dutch town was in May 1940, when the RAF dispatched the light bombers of No 12 Squadron to attack bridges over the River Maas to impede the German advance. The raid was one of the few in the second world war in which the RAF lost its entire attacking force. Two of the airmen involved were posthumously awarded the VC: small comfort to Mr Major, who is presumably not seeking such an honour from his sortie.*

MRS THATCHER'S OUTBURST

The damage that Margaret Thatcher is now doing to John Major's leadership is out of proportion to the policy differences at stake between them. There is a case for senior statesmen warning their successors of grave dangers to the public interest, irrespective of party advantage. There is also an outspokenness that must be tolerated from toppled leaders by those who toppled them. But there is also a balance that must be struck between a sensible warning and the subversion of a negotiating position; and a balance between speaking out and damaging the party's interest in the run-up to an election. Mrs Thatcher is not respecting that balance.

The former prime minister is rightly concerned about what may pass at Maastricht next month. Her standpoint as set out in her famous Bruges speech is well-known; and her chief propositions, on centralisation and subsidiarity, are correct. But her views on Europe are not widely at variance with those of Mr Major, Douglas Hurd and Norman Lamont. Their tactics have been different, to postpone the moment of negotiating crisis; to keep options open; to use intensive diplomacy to secure allies on specifics and divide their opponents in general. But a new leader is at least entitled to try new tactics.

Mrs Thatcher has seen her successor change some of her domestic policies, as on poll tax and public spending, and change the emphasis of others, as on health and education. Some of her former enemies ride high in Mr Major's cabinet. Her anger is human and her commitment to open argument in politics little short of divine — at least to the media and the Labour party.

Therein lies the rub. Mr Major's typically *sub fusc* choice of King's Champion, Sir Norman Fowler, made the lapidary remark that "if she going to go on like this, she is going to lose us the next election." This may or may not be true. There was a time when Mr Major thought the opposite. He and his colleagues saw her as the equivalent to Neil Kinnock's Militant Tendency. The more she bellowed, the tougher he would look by overruling her. This is fine in theory, but Mrs Thatcher has a deal more potency in her than the lunatics of Liverpool.

Mrs Thatcher is vulnerable to the charge of disloyalty. She chose John Major to follow her and it was a sound choice. He has unquestionably improved Tory fortunes overall. He will lead the party into the next election. If she wishes to help, she must refute any suspicion of sour grapes. She must be more royalist than the king.

She is clearly finding this hard. Some of her outbursts are flawed in substance. She last week demanded that Croatia be recognised and then armed. She dangerously oversimplifies the Yugoslav civil war as one between a communist Serbia and a democratic Croatia. The Croats, who do not realise that Mrs Thatcher no longer enjoys power or influence, are grasping at her speeches to reinforce their own intransigence in the face of the overwhelming might of the Serbian army. This undermines the efforts of both Lord Carrington and Cyrus Vance to secure the preconditions for a peacekeeping force. Pouring arms into Croatia would merely prolong and escalate the bloodbath.

Her enthusiasm for a British referendum is even more curious since she has opposed such tests of public opinion in the past. Mr Major is reported to be furious over her interventions. She has driven him into contortions of reaction, and has forced him onto the defensive against charges of being her puppet. He wants a deal at Maastricht but only if it meets the conditions British negotiators have been maintaining all summer. Otherwise, he is prepared for a breakdown. He is now in an uncomfortable position.

A deal that is acceptable to Mr Major may be denounced as a sell-out even if it is no such thing, since the more fanatical anti-federalists will be inclined to highlight every compromise after all the hue and cry. A failure to reach a deal will be seen not as a sign of his own firmness of principle and purpose but as the result of Mrs Thatcher's intervention. At the very least, that would be most unfair.

NO CAUSE FOR PANIC

Last week's disturbances in the currency markets were not a "sterling crisis". The pound ended the week higher against the dollar and the yen than it was ten days before. Though it fell against the German mark, so did other European currencies. On Friday, sterling was still 2.2 per cent above its ERM floor of DM2.78. Yet the pressure is on Norman Lamont to raise interest rates. He must do nothing of the kind.

To a large extent, the supposed crisis was an imaginative concoction of the City dealing rooms, the media newsdesks and the parliamentary lobbies. This does not mean that sterling will necessarily rebound this morning. It may not prove easy or painless to keep it above its ERM floor, for market speculation can be perverse and stubborn. But to succumb at a time like this and raise interest rates would be to flee at the first whiff of grapeshot. The ERM is supposed to be there to protect member currencies against unjustified speculative movements. The present jitters are a classic case, mainly the aftermath of the mini-crash on Wall Street and a sudden devaluation of the Finnish markka ten days ago.

True, a minority of investors have developed the odd belief that sterling may be forced to withdraw from the ERM by market pressure if Britain scuppers progress on the EMU treaty at Maastricht. This sudden crisis of confidence in Britain's ERM commitment followed John Major's speech in the Commons, when he warned Europe not to make the "fatal mistake" of taking his support of the treaty on Emu for granted. Since this was precisely what long-term investors in sterling had been doing, they took fright at Mr Major's remarks. This uncharacteristic display of intransigence threatened to undermine the credibility of the ERM strategy that took a year to build up. If Mr Major wants to enjoy the benefits of ERM membership he must now restore the markets' confidence in his commitment.

To try to do this with a small increase in interest rates, however, would be counter-productive. It would deal a blow to economic recovery and it would probably not work; as the French found when they raised their rates last week, somewhat higher interest rates are no compensation once markets sniff a devaluation. Indeed, higher sterling interest rates could actually weaken the currency. The markets may think higher rates could make a Labour victory more likely. Investors instinctively reckon a Labour victory bad for sterling, though the Labour front bench has given them little cause. So higher rates might paradoxically encourage the speculators.

Instead, confidence in the ERM must be restored by European governments acting together. The meeting of finance ministers today in Brussels would be a good time to start. Ideally, the German government should state unequivocally that it did not wish to revalue the mark, and the Bundesbank should demonstrate the sincerity of this commitment through its actions in the currency and money markets. Failing that, Britain and other European countries must rely on heavy intervention and jawboning to tame the speculators.

For Mr Major, such a policy will pose a painful dilemma. Having joined the ERM at the wrong time and the wrong exchange exchange rate, his economic strategy is extremely vulnerable to loss of confidence in the currency markets. But many of the investors who have bought sterling have done so in the expectation of an eventual single currency. Mr Major is right to disabuse them of this, but may find his nerve sorely tested in the market place.

DEALING FOR FREEDOM

Did the arrangements for the release of Ian Richter from an Iraqi jail contravene standing British policy that there should be "no deals for hostages?" His release is warmly welcome, and the fortitude and dignity of himself and his family deserves the admiration of the nation. But British policy has always insisted that such good ends should not be pursued by dubious means, especially by yielding to blackmail.

In exchange for Mr Richter's freedom, Britain has formally agreed to unfreeze some £70 million of Iraqi government assets. These will in practice be paid to British firms for relief work contracted out by the Iraqi government. That may look like a hostage deal to the cynical, but it is not.

In the first place Mr Richter was not a true hostage. He was convicted by an Iraqi court in 1986 on a charge of bribing an ex-mayor of Baghdad, who was later executed for allegedly taking the bribe. Mr Richter was not incarcerated by the Iraqis in order to provide a bargaining counter. More likely, he was jailed to provide spurious plausibility for the elimination of an enemy of the regime, the ex-mayor. But part of the definition of a hostage is the intention of the captor to sell the captive back to freedom for a price.

Last summer, the UN security council decided that sanctions following the Gulf war could begin to be relaxed to the extent of allowing some part of Iraqi assets frozen abroad — estimated to amount to $4 billion — to be spent on humanitarian purposes. Although it supported this relaxation in principle, Britain imposed a further condition before it would release any of the £700 million Iraqi assets under British jurisdiction.

The last two Britons in Iraqi custody, Douglas Brand and Ian Richter, had to follow Roger Cooper into freedom. Mr Brand, part of Saddam Hussein's "human wall" arrested for attempting to escape, was released in June after the intervention of Edward Heath, backed by British pressure on Iraqi assets. To gain the release by such a device of somebody properly convicted would have been wrong. But Mr Richter's trial and imprisonment were so far below civilised standards of justice that he could only be regarded as an innocent man held for political reasons.

The distinction between a hostage deal and what has happened in Mr Richter's case is important. Allowing Iraq to use its own assets is not equivalent to the paying of ransom money. Iraq's foreign assets were frozen in accordance with international law as a penalty for the illegal invasion of Kuwait. The terms of UN security council resolution 687 specified the continuation of sanctions as long as Iraq's policies and practices, internally and internationally, were judged by the world community to fall short of the minimum required of any nation.

The detention without proper trial of a foreign businessman like Ian Richter was clearly conduct below such standards. The injustice was renewed every day he was still held. The ending of this injustice is sufficient reason for Britain to begin to loosen its grip on Iraqi assets. As Iraq learns to behave better, so it will be rewarded. Here is one language which even Saddam is beginning to understand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Trident as UK defence cornerstone

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin

Sir, In his article about the future of Trident (November 22) Michael Evans gives three reasons for the maintenance of Britain's independent deterrent: to counter-balance the Soviet arsenal; to provide a warning that massive conventional attack could lead to a nuclear exchange; and to ensure a leading role on the international stage. There is a fourth, perhaps of much greater priority: to insure against nuclear blackmail in an increasingly uncertain and unstable world.

Trident, entering service in 1995, will have an operational life of 25 years. Who can forecast what threats to our security may arise in such a period? A secretary of state for defence who decreed that we no longer needed an amphibious capability and that priority should be given to strengthening the army was proved wrong in less than a year, even more wrong ten years later. Who foresaw the Gulf war? Even today there is uncontrollable civil war in Yugoslavia, anarchy threatens in what used to be the Soviet Union. Who can predict the state of the world in 2005?

We read in our newspapers that China is prepared to sell nuclear weapon technology to any applicant, that some 30 or more countries are likely to acquire a nuclear capability within ten years. It will be difficult to monitor this unwelcome progress, our intelligence did not warn us that Saddam Hussein was nearly there. It would be irresponsible indeed for Britain to opt out at this juncture.

There is a European consideration. Some may foresee a United States of Europe emerging as a superpower. Circumstances may be such that it will need a strategic nuclear capability. Are we and our European partners content that this should be provided by France, whose record of support for military alliances is not good?

A submarine-based deterrent provides the highest degree of invulnerability to pre-emptive attack. Trident has flexibility to react to arms control agreements or defence requirements by allowing any combination of missile or warhead numbers. At its minimum, one missile could deliver one warhead to a target at long range with great accuracy. The Trident programme is on time and below the original estimate of cost. Over half the total expenditure is committed. Once operational its running costs are a minute fraction of any foreseeable defence budget. Trident should remain the cornerstone of our defence policy.

Yours sincerely,
LEWIN,
House of Lords.
November 22.

Plight of Dubrovnik

From Dr Kathleen V. Wilkes

Sir, It is not easy to get *The Times* in Dubrovnik, and it was only yesterday that a friend faxed me a page of it containing a letter from Miss Nora Beloff (November 13).

She is (a little) sorry for "all lovers of Dubrovnik". I am not; with some honourable exceptions they have done nothing to express this "love". My concern is for those living here: Serbs (6 per cent) and Croats (90 per cent) alike. The snipers and the bombs do not discriminate between them — one of the early deaths from Serbian cannon was the great Serbian poet, Milan Milisic.

The shortage of food and water does not discriminate between them either — and yet our chief negotiator has just walked past me, taking some of the rare fruits available to the Serbian prisoners of war. Dubrovnik has no minority enclaves, and no history of Serb-Croat violence.

Thirteen thousand refugees have been bombed into the city from their little villages around. Who knows or cares whether they are Serb or Croat? About 9,000 of them have been sheltering in the formerly-tourist hotels. These have large glass picture-windows; they have been shelled again, again, and again. The refugees (all either old people, or young children) are hit by rockets or flying glass; the nights, without windows, are cold. Four floors of the hotel Tirena collapsed onto the air-raid shelter beneath, killing all inside.

Yes, flags and emblems identify this city as Croatian: it is. It is also a fully international city. The point is, Miss Beloff, that Croatia is indeed a dangerous animal: when attacked, it defends itself.

Yours sincerely,
K. V. WILKES,
c/o The President's Office,
Dubrovnik City Council,
Dubrovnik, Croatia.
November 17.

Iranian dilemma

From Mr M. Khonsari

Sir, The release of Terry Waite, and the fortuitous omission of Iran from any blame that has so far been uncovered in the case of the Pan Am flight 103 disaster, is without doubt a feather in the cap of Iran's so-called "pragmatic" president, Mr Hashemi Rafsanjani. However, no one can with any certainty predict how long the present situation may last, specially if the release of Terry Waite is somehow connected with the decision to exonerate Iran (and Syria) from blame in the Pan Am affair.

Nevertheless, it is well to remember that in present circumstances Mr Rafsanjani's ultimate survival is much less dependent on external issues, as Iranians go through one of the most acute economic depressions ever witnessed in the country's modern history.

In this regard, in his desire to strengthen his own hold on power by improving the abysmal state of the Iranian economy, the Islamic president, like all autocratic rulers, is faced with the problem of squaring the circle: the more he softens the tone of his message, the more he encourages intelligent, educated exiled Iranians to return and assume greater political responsibility, the greater the risks to his power and the power of his religious constituency.

Rafsanjani has always distrusted intellectuals and technocrats, yet he needs them to help alleviate the present economic ills and develop the country. As the country struggles towards greater intellectual freedom and maturity, his ambivalence is bound to cause him trouble. As Iran eventually becomes liberated, his star, as the best available alternative, will most certainly wane.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, I am confident that the release of all Western hostages will hasten the emergence of political change in Iran, which has itself been a hostage to the hostage crisis.

Yours faithfully,
M. KHONSARI,
PO Box 635, London, SW15 9NP.
November 19.

Net book agreement

From Mr Sydney Davies

Sir, The net book agreement is definitely *not* on its way out (report, November 20), indeed support for it has increased over the past few months. The vast majority of books sold in this country are still published at net prices.

In reporting me as saying that the agreement was not expected to survive much longer your arts correspondent misunderstands our conversation. Everyone here at the Booksellers Association is confident that the agreement will survive the latest campaign and I fully support that opinion.

Small booksellers come and go. The association's membership has remained steady at around the 3,200 mark for a number of years. If some do close after Christmas, we fully expect them to be replaced by new bookshops. One of the beauties of the NBA is the stability it gives to the market, making entry to the industry relatively easy.

Yours faithfully,
SYDNEY DAVIES
(Trade Practice Executive),
The Booksellers Association of Great Britain & Ireland,
Minster House,
272 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
November 20.

Theatre ticket prices

From Dr B. John Maxwell

Sir, The Society of West End Theatre (letter, November 19) could well keep excessive ticket agency charges down by printing the face value of the seat on every ticket, be it issued manually or by computer. They could also publish the range of seat prices in every newspaper advert.

Yours faithfully,
B. JOHN MAXWELL,
47 Viceroy Court,
Prince Albert Road, NW8.
November 19.

Schooling the church

From Mr John L. Marshall, MP for Hendon South (Conservative)

Sir, I should like to comment on your editorial (November 18) on schooling the church. I recently showed a group of children from a local church school round the House of Commons. When I took them into the crypt and pointed out the painting of Judas I asked them who he was. There was a deafening silence.

This surely demonstrates the failure of the church to inculcate into young children its history and its tradition.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARSHALL,
House of Commons.
November 19.

Media and medicine

From the Editor of Newsnight

Sir, The letter from Professor Irving and Mr Devlin (November 20) concerning *Newsnight*'s report on surgical standards accuses the programme of biased reporting and a breach of trust. They complain that the programme failed to include interviews that they had given and which made clear their commitment to peer review, quality control and the rights of patients to know a surgeon's results. They advise colleagues only to give live interviews in future on contentious matters.

The *Newsnight* report did, in fact, include a live interview with the Chairman of the British Medical Association's Consultants' and Specialists' Committee, Mr John Chawner, who made those very points.

It is correct that both Professor Irving and Mr Devlin were interviewed on tape. However, we judged, when considering the final report, that their contribution did not address all the points that were to be raised. We therefore decided it was fairer to offer a live and unedited response to the film.

We asked the Royal College of Surgeons for a live interview with Professor Irving in place of using pre-recorded excerpts. They said they were unable to provide a spokesman. Accordingly we went to the BMA, who did. Mr Chawner was fully briefed about the programme. His replies were broadcast at length.

Newsnight could agree wholeheartedly with Professor Irving and Mr Devlin that, in reporting contentious issues, there must be trust, accuracy and fair dealing on both sides. Their argument would be stronger if they had considered all elements of the programme.

Yours faithfully,
TIM GARDAM,
Editor, *Newsnight*,
BBC News & Current Affairs,
Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.
November 21.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071) 782 5046.

English as Europe's official language

From Lord Cudlipp

Sir, The *Daily Mail* is busily campaigning to make English the official language of the EC, presumably on the grounds that "no" is shorter than "non" or "nein".

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, my letter-box today contained a caring communique from the Department of Health with a bright green cover, the environmentally-friendly colour as the hustings approach. The booklet is entitled "*The Patient's Charter — a summary: Raising the Standard*" and the message is that "*The Patient's Charter* puts the Government's *Citizen's Charter* initiative into practice in the health service."

A freepost tear-off postcard attached announces that *The Patient's Charter* will be available free in due course in the following languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Chinese, Vietnamese, Greek and Turkish. Now that the British government is addressing its citizens in nine languages in addition to English, has not the time come for our patriotic xenophobes to hoist the white flag to signify surrender or request a truce?

I should mention that the final sentence in the multilingual offer says: "If you require more than 10 copies please state briefly what you intend using them for."

Yours etc.,
HUGH CUDLIPP,
14 Tollhouse Close,
Avenue de Chartres,
Chichester, West Sussex.
November 20.

From Dr Roger R. Dawson

Sir, Perhaps we should promote to our Community partners the need for a single European language, English, as a necessary and co-incidental accompaniment to a single currency. To derive maximum economic and political benefit the two would need to be established together and the introduction of one must be dependent upon acceptance of the other.

By including such an idea on the Maastricht agenda for subsequent development we would be certain to discover how enthusiastic our partners, particularly the French, were to follow the logical path towards "ever closer union".

Yours sincerely,
ROGER DAWSON,
The Gables, Parsons Hill,
Hollesley, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
November 22.

From Mr Charles Quant

Sir, Your percipient leader, "La gloire française" (November 19), indicates one of the reasons for the universality of English as the *lingua franca* of today's world: that it travelled. Another reason, much more powerful, is that it *adapted*.

Over the centuries it virtually eliminated declensions and conjugations, agreement-in-number-gender-and-case (as we used to intone in Latin class) and so many of the other complications of language still retained by others.

Is it not time, therefore, consciously to eliminate the remainder of our residual irregularities — our remaining conjugations, our varying forms of the plural and, most of all, our anarchic spelling?

For my own intellectual entertainment, I have several times performed such an exercise, as an alternative to struggling with your crosswords. I found it comparatively easy; and when I added the conscious refinement of the Early Teaching Alphabet which some schools tried in the Sixties, I found what I would call Universal English emerging as an easily taught and acquired medium, which retained, nevertheless, contact with its roots in what we used to call Queen's English.

It could be our greatest possible gift to Europe -- and the world.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES QUANT,
Silverwood, Gwernymynydd,
Mold, Clwyd.

From Mr Eric Deeson

Sir, Your leader invokes the concept of linguistic imperialism. English has risen to second (behind Chinese) from fourth (behind Chinese, Spanish and French) in the language league table during my lifetime, and is, as you note, now the most important international medium. All that has come about despite the lack of explicit linguistic imperialism.

In the various countries around the world I have visited as an educationalist, I have had people plead for the British government to provide effective English language teaching on a really large scale at accessible prices.

Using such bodies as the Open University to develop such courses, the BBC World Service to broadcast them, and the British Council for marketing and administration, English language teaching could fast become — at thousands of millions of pounds a year — one of our major exports. The indirect benefits to us are incalculable.

Yours etc.,
ERIC DEESON,
4 Ethel Road,
Harborne, Birmingham.
November 19.

From Sir James R. Mancham

Sir, I have just returned from Stockholm where I attended an international conference, "Building bridges to the new Europe", which turned out to be a debate as to whether Sweden, Norway and Finland should follow the example of Denmark and join the EC.

As the debate was conducted solely in English, I took the opportunity to ask Uffe Elleman Jensen, the Danish minister for foreign affairs, what he thought of recent suggestions in the British press that English should be the only language of the EC. I understood him to reply that if it was not for the French this would be achievable; but seeing matters from a realistic standpoint, he foresaw that ultimately English and French will become the only two major languages of the new Europe.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. MANCHAM,
85 Deodar Road, Putney, SW15.
November 20.

From Mrs Diana Baker

Sir, We must not "throw the baby out with the bathwater" just because people in Brussels whose second language may be English are trying to teach us how to talk. We must not turn against Europe because they may be unaware of the richness of our language and its nuances.

We know that not all our boots are made in Wellington, or our buns baked in Bath, or our sprouts imported from Belgium. We are not shocked when we learn that a man has spent the night in the dog-house, and we can jump for joy without our feet leaving the ground.

Let us enter fully into Europe, if only to stop them from making English a sterile language.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA BAKER,
Picket Croft, Picket Hill,
Ringwood, Hampshire.
November 20.

Not wishing to know

From Mr Paul Griffiths

Sir, The nutrients (letters, October 26, November 6, 11, 15, 19) said to be in my breakfast cereal are of as much interest to me as the declared protein content of his canned food is to my cat. But I do sit and reflect on the possible value of the information that each pack of toilet rolls which I buy has a total area of 14 square metres. Product labelling is being carried to extremes.

Yours truly,
PAUL GRIFFITHS,
Burwood, 35 Church Meadow,
St Neots, Cambridgeshire.
November 20.

Radio 3 and cricket

From Miss Patricia Hughes

Sir, Cricket enthusiasts sighed with relief at the news that the BBC had reprieved "Test Match Special". As a music-lover and former Radio 3 announcer, I sighed too — with despair.

The BBC's decision to sacrifice Radio 3's music programmes for 32 days of cricket commentary on the FM waveband (which by next summer will be the network's only waveband) seems to me to represent a shattering loss of confidence in quality public service broadcasting.

This might have been simply misjudgment, but I am wondering if it isn't a deliberate means of testing public response, which could lead to further, and possibly permanent, cuts.

The world-renowned jewel in the BBC's crown is wobbling precariously in its setting, and may be lost and gone for ever if those who value it don't raise their voices loud and clear, before it is too late.

Yours etc.,
PATRICIA HUGHES,
7 Heathcote Road,
St Margaret's,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
November 17.

Short commons?

From Dr John Burscough

Sir, Do any other politicians' palates match their policies as closely as Mr Major's instructions to his kitchen at Chequers: "no bones and no strong flavours" (Diary, November 21)?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BURSCOUGH,
Kildare, The Rookery,
Scawby, Brigg,
South Humberside.
November 21.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 23: The Prince Edward, Patron of the Scottish Badminton Union, this afternoon attended the semi-finals of the Scottish Open Badminton Championships in the Kelvin Hall International Arena, Glasgow.

Earlier, His Royal Highness attended a lunch given by the Scottish Badminton Union in the Kelvin Hall and this evening attended the Championships Dinner in the Moat House International Hotel, Glasgow.

The Prince Edward was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Glasgow (The Right Hon The Lord Provost, Mrs Susan Baird).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 23: The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, visited HMS Temeraire for the occasion of Acrobathon '91.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, visited Arundel Castle for "Christmas at the Castle with Save the Children" and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex (the Duke of Richmond and Gordon).

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 24: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Baby Life Support Systems, this afternoon attended a Reception at the Royal Garden Hotel, London W8.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 24: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a performance of *Saki* to mark the re-opening of the Richmond Theatre, Richmond, Surrey.

Birthdays today

Major Nicholas Barne, royal equerry, 48; Lord Devlin, 86; Mr Francis Durbridge, playwright and author, 79; Mrs Maria Fyfe, MP, 53; Sir Cosmo Haskard, former governor, Falkland Islands, 75; Miss Daisy Hyams, former managing director, Tesco, 79; Mr Dickie Jeeps, former chairman, Sports Council, 60; Mr Imran Khan, cricketer, 39; Dr Elizabeth Laverick, electrical engineer, 66; Sir Fergus Montgomery, MP, 64; Mr Tony Neary, rugby player, 43; Mr K.J. O'Keefe, cricketer, 42; Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, 76; Mr Richard Seifert, architect, 81; Sir John Summerson, CH, architectural historian, 87; Lord Tweedsmuir, 80; Mr Bernard Weatherill, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, 71; Mr Peter Wright, director, Birmingham Royal Ballet, 65.

Luncheon

Institution of Industrial Managers

The Institution of Industrial Managers held a luncheon at the Rubens Hotel, London, on Friday, November 22, to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee 1931-1991; at which a book on the history of the Institution was launched. The Chairman of the Institution, Professor P.T. Wilson, was host.

Grenville College

The Governors and Chapter of Grenville College (a school of the Woodard Corporation) are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr M.C.V. Cane as Headmaster in succession to the late Dr D.C. Powell-Price as from September 1992.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J.McL. Burnell and Miss J.S. Brann
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Digby Burnell, of Kemble, Gloucestershire, and Susie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christian Brann, of Kemble.

Mr P. Collett and Miss P. Hutton
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Collett, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr Robert Hutton, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Christine Hutton, of Ludham, Norfolk.

Dr C.F. Kearns and Miss S.J. Bryant
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Dr Joe and Dr Bozena Kearns, of Ealing, London, and Sonia Jane, only daughter of Mr Stuart and Mrs Vanda Bryant, of Offham, Kent.

Mr M.J. Levitt and Miss A.B. Green
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Levitt, of London, N2, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Green, of London, N20.

Mr E.J. Loder and Miss S. Warren Pearl
The engagement is announced between Edmund, elder son of Sir Giles and Lady Loder, of Cuckfield, Sussex, and Susan, daughter of Mr V.W. Warren Pearl, of Lindfield, Sussex, and Mrs Leslie Summers, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr P.T. Spivey and Miss J.A. Cornes
The engagement is announced between Philip Thomas, younger son of Mr Christopher Spivey, FRCS, and Mrs Julia Spivey, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and Julie Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis A. Cornes, of Whittle-le-Woods, Lancashire.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal Variety Performance at the Victoria Palace at 7.35.

The Princess of Wales will open the Rainbow Family Trust's Francis House Children's Hospice, Parrswood Road, Didsbury, Manchester, at 11.20; will open the New Town Hall, Wigan, at 12.50; open Wigan Magistrates' Court House at 2.00; and open the Galleries Shopping Centre at 3.10.

The Duke of York will open the BBC's Regional Broadcasting House in Southampton at 11.30; and will visit the Southampton Environment Centre, Marlands Shopping Centre, at 2.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit High Wycombe and Stokenchurch Youth and Community Centre, near High Wycombe, at 11.30; will visit Wycombe Heights Golf Centre at 12.45; and the Spring Gardens Centre, a community arts project, High Wycombe, at 2.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Chief Patron of the Women Caring Trust, will attend the House of Lords v House of Commons charity swim at the Broadgate Club at 7.45.

The Duchess of Kent will present the 1991 ABSA/*The Daily Telegraph* Awards for Business and the Arts at the National Theatre at 12.15.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lope de Vega, dramatist, Madrid, 1562; Charles Kemble, actor-manager, 1775; Andrew Carnegie, iron and steel manufacturer and philanthropist, Dunfermline, 1835; Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1958-63, Sotto il Monte, 1881.

DEATHS: Edward Alleyn, actor-manager, London, 1626; Isaac Watts, hymn writer, London, 1748; Sir Francis Chantrey, sculptor, London, 1841; Sir Augustus Callcott, landscape painter, London, 1844; Heinrich Barth, explorer in Africa, Berlin, 1865; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic, London, 1937; Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, mining industrialist, Johannesburg, 1957; Dame Myra Hess, pianist, London, 1965; Upton Sinclair, novelist, Bound Brook, New Jersey, 1968; U Thant, Secretary-General of the UN 1961-71; New York, 1974.

The Flood (Genesis 6.9) is said to have begun on this day, 2348 BC.

Marriages

Mr N. Wesolowski and the Hon Pandora Mond
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Barmer, Burnham Market, Norfolk, of Mr Nicholas Wesolowski, son of the late Mr and Mrs Michael Joseph Wesolowski, of Pelham Street, London, to the Hon Pandora Mond, youngest daughter of the late Lord Melchett and of Mrs Andrew Sinclair, of Tite Street, Chelsea, London. The Rev Vernon Scott officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Dr Andrew Sinclair. Mr Edward St Aubyn was best man.

A reception was held at Courtyard Farm, Ringstead, Norfolk.

Mr R.B.C. Totterman and Miss C.O. Reed
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 26, at Bath Abbey, of Mr Robin Totterman, son of Mr and Mrs Christian Totterman, to Miss Caroline Reed, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Reed, Canon Richard Askew officiated, assisted by Canon Eric Staples.

The bride was attended by Charlotta and Emma Holenstein and Katie Reed. Mr Christopher Smith was best man.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAIN: R J Lowndes — Nelson as Cdre 28.4.92. R P Stevens — Argonaut as Capt FICO 25.2.92.

COMMANDER: S Moir — MOD Bath 16.4.92. N W Sweny — MOD Barrow 15.5.92. J G H Tighe — MOD London 1.5.92.

SURGEON COMMANDER: S S Ridout — Fearless 1.7.92. J C Turner — RNAS Culdrose 14.7.92.

Retirement

CAPTAIN: P R Stopford — 23.11.91

SURGEON COMMANDER: J W Alderson — 3.2.92.

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER: V C Fisher — 6.2.92.

Royal Marines

MAJORS: Maj (Loc Lt Col) A L Turnbull to HQ AFNORTH 29.05.92; Maj C J Todd to be Actg Lt Col and to HQ Cdo Forces RM 15.11.91. Maj (Loc Lt Col) P M Babbington MC to RMR Tyne as CO 15.05.92.

The Army

BRIGADIERS: D A K Biggan — To be Comd 54 Inf Bde, 28.11.91. J M MacFarlane — To be Comd Ed Army Ed Svcs UK less N IRELAND, 26.11.91.

COLONELS: Col J W Chuter — To MOD, 25.11.91. C A Den-McKay — To be Comd HQ 15 Ord Gp BAOR, 25.11.91. D E Radcliffe — To MOD, 25.11.91.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: S Ashby PWO — To MOD, 25.11.91. J B Dure RE — To be Car Eng MES(Wks)UK, 30.11.91. P Gosling FCT — To be CO 10 Corps Tpt Regt, 1.12.91. H Grenville-Jones R SIGNALS — To MOD, 25.11.91. M R Kerridge RAPC — To RAPC Trg Cen, 25.11.91. D J Richards RA — To be CO 3 RHA, 30.11.91. D H R Stephenson LI — To MOD, 25.11.91. P J Luard RGJ — To be CO 4 RGJ, 28.11.91.

Retirements

BRIGADIER: M C Owen Late RAOC, 27.11.91.

COLONELS: A P Haden Late RAOC, 1.12.91. A R Tapp Late RCT, 2.12.91.

Honorary appointments

Mr C Van Hasselt is appointed Honorary Consultant to the Army in Otorhinolaryngology in succession to Professor U Engzell, retired.

Dr P A Trott is appointment Honorary Consultant to the Army in Cytopathology as from 22 August, 1991.

Honorary Consultants

Mr A B MacGregor is appointed Honorary Consultant to the Army in Scotland in succession to Mr J W W Thompson, retired.

Mr D C Rule is appointed Honorary Consultant to the Army in Dental Postgraduate Education as from 8 May, 1990 in succession to Mr G K Fordyce, retired.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: M W Ball — To HQ RAFG 18.11.91. A N Wise — To RAF Benson 18.11.91. C M Chambers — To RAF Odiham 18.11.91. M J Gardiner — To RAF Northolt, 25.11.91.

WING COMMANDER: R Condon — To HQ RAFSC 25.11.91. M T Lean — To MOD AFD 25.11.91

OBITUARIES

COMMANDER HUGH HAGGARD

Commander Hugh Alfred Vernon Haggard, DSO, DSC, second world war submarine captain, died on November 17 aged 83. He was born on June 21, 1908.



THROUGHOUT the dark days of 1940-42 — years of the blitz, Dunkirk and the fall of Singapore — the exploits of Hughie Haggard and his boat *Truant* provided bright spots in the gloom for beleaguered Britain. Tall and good-looking, this great-nephew of Rider Haggard, author of *King Solomon's Mines*, captured the imagination of the press at a time when its readers were desperate for good news.

His two years at the periscope saw *Truant* become one of the most successful Royal Navy submarines of the war. Her "Jolly Roger" pennant (now in the RN submarine museum at Gosport) showed 17 "kills", representing a total of 77,206 tons of enemy shipping sunk.

The 1,325-ton *Truant* with her 59-man crew served off Norway, in the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Adriatic and the Far East, covering a total of some 80,000 miles. She attacked (and fortunately missed) a British-manned merchantman, was twice fired on by her own side (they missed too) and got stuck in the mud on the seabed off Yugoslavia — all penalties of the fog of war.

But when *Truant* left Europe in May 1941 for a brief refit in the United States, the commander-in-chief Mediterranean described Lieut-Commander Haggard's handling of his craft as "a model of daring and enterprise, tempered with just the right degree of caution".

He had been first mentioned in dispatches the previous January when *Truant* intercepted the SS *Tropic Sea* off the coast of Spain. The Norwegian freighter had been captured by the Germans and her cargo of wheat was being taken to Bordeaux by a prize crew when *Truant* surfaced and trained her 4-inch gun on her.

The Germans scuttled the merchantman and took to the lifeboats, while *Truant* picked up the imprisoned crew of the British freighter *Haxby* (sunk by the same Germans) together with the Norwegian skipper and his wife. She made history, according to Haggard, as the first female submarine passenger in a wartime operation.

That August Haggard was awarded the DSC after a series of attacks on supply ships destined for enemy forces in North Africa, then in October was mentioned in dispatches for the second time. In March 1942, by which time *Truant* was engaging the Japanese in the Pacific, he won the DSO after operations which included two more sinkings and two "damagings".

His success owed much to his professional self-confidence. In November 1940 while patrolling east of Tripoli he deliberately flouted orders not to sail within 15 miles of the coast because of mines. Observing Italian minesweepers at work, he quietly followed them to within seven miles of the shore, thus charting a clear channel through the minefield, which was of immense value to the navy. His C-in-C later endorsed Haggard's initiative in turning a blind eye to his signal.

In April 1941 he again won praise for the part played by *Truant* as a navigational beacon during the fleet's bombardment of Tripoli. Haggard never forgot the experience of lying like a mini-roundabout at sea, a light shining on top of her periscope, as the towering British battleships glided past.

His confidence was partly inspired by his pedigree. The son of Admiral Sir Vernon Haggard, a former sea lord and chief of the submarine service, his entry to Dartmouth, aged 13, appeared pre-destined. As a midshipman he sailed in the battleship *Renown* on her voyage round the world with the then Duke and Duchess of York (later King George VI and the present Queen Mother). This produced a famous photograph of the future king being unceremoniously bathed by King Neptune on crossing the equator for the first time. Later Haggard served in the royal yacht and seemed set at one stage for a career in the upper social reaches of the navy. But in 1933 he made a conscious decision to follow his father into the submarine service, with its emphasis on technical expertise and judgment.

He was posted to Britain on leaving *Truant* before returning to Malta as commander (submarines). He was executive officer of the cruiser *Devonshire*, then used for cadet training, in the late 1940s. To his bitter disappointment, however, tuberculosis ended his naval career in 1954.

He entered industry after retirement and was at one time a local councillor for Barnes in west London. He also served as master of the Clothmakers' Company in 1973-4.

Commander Haggard's first marriage ended in divorce in 1954. He married again in 1957 but his second wife died seven years ago. He leaves one son by his first marriage.

GASTON MONNERVILLE

Gaston Monnerville, president of the French senate 1948-68, died in Paris on November 7 aged 94. He was born on January 2, 1897.

GASTON Monnerville's leadership of the French senate over two decades was marked in its second half by a bitter constitutional struggle with President de Gaulle. Earlier on, despite different political attitudes, their relationship had been one of mutual admiration and respect. It was Monnerville together with André Le Troquer, president of the national assembly, who helped bring de Gaulle back to power in 1958. But the senate leader turned against de Gaulle in 1962 when de Gaulle decided to hold a referendum on the introduction of direct universal suffrage for the election of the president of the republic.

Elected the first non-white member of the Conseil de la République (the parliamentary upper house which was to become the senate after 1958) Monnerville was voted president of the assembly a few months later. In this role he was far too much a child of the Third Republic to accept wholeheartedly the Gaullist regime which he and other politicians had supported in 1958 largely because of Algeria. He became one of the greatest domestic nuisances of the men in power.

When General de Gaulle decided to have the referendum on whether the presidency should be chosen by universal suffrage, Monnerville, who had an almost religious respect for the law, denounced the move as a violation of the constitution and an abuse of power. He warned the nation of the risk of dictatorship if too much power were concentrated in the hands of the president and called for a "no" vote. The senate ordered his denunciatory speech to be posted in every town and village hall throughout the land — to little avail.



The supporters of the reform easily won the day, obtaining 62 per cent of "yes" votes on the referendum. This was followed three weeks later by a landslide victory for the Gaullists in the legislative elections called after the successful censure of the government over the referendum issue. Almost all the leading opponents of the referendum lost their seats. De Gaulle was roundly vindicated.

Despite this double setback, Monnerville did not give up his crusade, continuing to denounce the "authoritarian" character of the executive on every possible occasion. A cold war broke out between him and de Gaulle. From thenceforth, Monnerville declined ever to go to the Élysée Palace or to attend any ceremony at which the president might be present; while de Gaulle showed his displeasure by refusing to send anyone above the rank of junior minister to the senate's debates.

Although Monnerville continued regularly to be re-elected leader of the senate, his colleagues made known their growing unhappiness over their humiliating relegation to the sidelines of power. In 1968, Monnerville announced he would not seek re-election.

In 1974, the new president of the senate, Alain Poher, granted his predecessor the distinction of appointing him to the constitutional council, France's supreme court on constitutional law, where he served until the age of 86.

Monnerville, who was born in French Guiana, was first elected to parliament in 1932 as the deputy for Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana. Four years later he was appointed junior minister for the colonies in Léon Blum's short-lived Popular Front government. On the outbreak of war, he volunteered for the French navy, before joining the resistance. After the war, de Gaulle put him charge of preparing legislation for the emancipation of France's former colonies. He was elected to the Consultative Assembly in 1945 and became a deputy again for Guiana in 1946.

ADAMS COWLEY

Dr R. Adams Cowley, father of modern emergency medicine, has died of heart failure at his home in Baltimore, aged 74. He was born in Layton, Utah, on July 25, 1917.

ADAMS Cowley called his great discovery "the golden hour". It was something that many doctors may have known, but rarely had the opportunity to prove: the possibility of treating injuries successfully before the onset of fatal damage from the after-effects of shock.

Cowley did more than prove the theory: he showed that it could work in practice, using a combination of modern transport and advanced technology to get patients on to the operating table faster than ever before. Countless thousands of accident and crime victims throughout the world owe much to him for their lives.

His work began with physiological research into the way in which shock deprives tissues and organs of vital oxygen, but Cowley was not content to see the results merely published in professional journals. In 1961 he opened a two-bed shock and trauma unit at the University of Maryland to prove his point, and did so with dramatic effect.

Today, the unit has 138 beds and is the focal point of a state-wide system involving 50 hospitals, 10 trauma centres, 450 ambulances, and a fleet of evacuation helicopters. It has become the international model for emergency medicine.

Trauma, from accidents and violence, was and remains the leading cause of death for Americans aged one to 44. But it takes a much smaller percentage of its victims than it used to.

Specially trained and equipped ambulance crews now begin emergency procedures as soon as patients are picked up, using devices like radio-linked cardiac monitors. These provide print-outs at the receiving hospital enabling doctors to check the condition of the casualty before he arrives.

In recognition of his work, Cowley was made director of the National Study Centre for Trauma and Emergency Medical Systems, set up by President Reagan and Congress in 1986.

Emergency medicine was not his only achievement. Cowley was also a noted heart surgeon, and one of the first to perform open-heart surgery. He devised a surgical clamp which bears his name and helped to design a prototype heart pacemaker used by President Eisenhower.

The author of numerous articles and books, he was also the subject of a 1982 television film, *Shocktrauma*, in which he was played by William Conrad.

Adams Cowley is survived by his wife, Roberta, and two children.

Irina Kirillova

Restoring faith in Russian church

NEXT week the Orthodox Church celebrates the Presentation in the Temple, a feast which, in the Mother of God, emphasises the glory of humanity perfectly fulfilled. She is venerated not as sublimated femininity immaculately conceived, but as Mother and bearer of the Incarnate God.

Orthodoxy lays great stress on man's creation "in the image and likeness of God", on his vocation to be "partaker of the divine nature", on the awesome responsibility of divine sonship, attainable through the freely fulfilled potential of God-given humanity. These are spiritual, theological insights which the Russian church must convey convincingly if it is to fulfil the expectations of all those who have turned to it in a powerful resurgence of faith and a search for moral and spiritual renewal. It has a formidable task ahead: weakened by persecution and subversion, and compromised by enforced association with Soviet policies and propaganda, it has very limited time to restore its moral authority and to show that it can satisfy the needs of its people.

The Russians have long perceived Marxism-Leninism as morally bankrupt. Seventy four years of Soviet communism are seen as humiliation and denigration of individual and society alike. This has left a moral vacuum and profound distrust for any "humanist" system of values. The absence of legal structures which provide a tested framework for individual rights exacerbates the problem.

The church has to inculcate values in an accessible, contemporary form. It is barely equipped to do so. It has only recently been allowed to teach laity. Courses and classes for adults, young people and children are being set up as quickly as teachers and buildings can be found. The theological schools permitted since 1946 have been equipping their graduates with a somewhat abstract, legalistic oral theology.

Its adaptation to complex modern needs has to be sensitive and rapid. Not surprisingly city parish clergy learn fastest. The Soviet system has always denied the need for social welfare outside its own meagre provisions. The church was forbidden any charity work, the very concept and word for "charity" was obliterated from the language.

When in 1989 this prohibition was lifted the church found itself ministering to large groups of the socially deprived: the old, living in wretched shared accommodation on subsistence pensions, the chronically sick, military and civilian amputees, the mentally sick and handicapped, abandonned and orphaned children.

Chaplaincies are also being established where possible in hospitals and prisons. Neglect of the helpless and needy is seen as a moral rather than a social failing, so the church's re-entry into social ministry gives it a high profile among believers and unbelievers alike.

An effective way of undermining the church has always been to compromise it by an appearance of favour at the expense of other confessions. Oppressed and humiliated the church was in no position to dissent or resist. The cruellest and most tragic instance was the "dissolution" of the Uniate church in Western Ukraine, annexed by Stalin in 1939, when all Uniate churches and property were formally handed over to the Russian Orthodox Church. Uniate Christians were forcibly converted or harassed when they were underground.

Instead of distancing the church from this process the ruling orthodox Exarch of the Ukraine supported it. The recent law on freedom of conscience and therefore of religious affiliation has restored the legitimacy of all confessions. Sadly but understandably Western Ukrainian Uniates began settling scores, often violently, with local Russian Orthodox communities. Patriarch Alexis II has repeatedly stressed the church's awareness of the historical injustice done to Ukrainian Uniates.

The church's desire to heal the wounds of Orthodox-Uniate conflict is dramatically complicated by a forceful and extensive conversion drive by the Roman Catholic Church, aimed primarily at intellectuals. An agreement between Rome and Moscow provides for churches and pastoral ministry for existing Catholic communities in Russia, but a missionary action intended to convert from Orthodoxy to Roman Catholicism is seen as an unacceptable infringement of that agreement.

Russian intellectuals tend to see Roman Catholicism as the sophisticated, philosophical and spiritual face of a European culture they would like to emulate. Seventy four years of hostile communist distortion of Orthodox spiritual and intellectual tradition has left the intelligentsia theologically uncertain and vulnerable. The church needs to present its teaching in modern, intellectually convincing terms.

The universalist claim of Roman Catholicism makes a particular appeal to the cosmopolitan minded Russian-Jewish community, which numbers numerous converts to Orthodoxy, particularly in the last ten, 15 years, under the inspiration of a charismatic Moscow priest, Fr Alexander Men', assassinated last year, almost certainly on KGB orders.

The church faces a different, but no less daunting challenge from extreme evangelical type sects, in their drive to "buy" converts. Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Moonies, scientologists and others compete to target the popular, less educated masses, organising vast rallies at which they distribute scarce goods — like jeans and transistors. A faith that promises material well-being as well as instant salvation holds a powerful appeal to a people starved both materially and spiritually. A tempting solution for Russian Orthodox nationalists is an established church. That however is firmly rejected: the church has to be absolutely free and must rely on its spiritual resources alone.

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Memorial services

Sir Isaac Wolfson
A memorial service for Sir Isaac Wolfson, Bt, a past President of the United Synagogue, was held on Wednesday, November 20, at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, London, W1. The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, and Rabbi Cyril Shine gave the memorial addresses. Officiants at the service were Lord Jakobovits, Emeritus Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Vivian Silverman, Rabbi of the Central Synagogue, and Rev Simon Hass. The following attended:

Lord and Lady Wolfson, of Marylebone, Lord and Lady Wolfson of Sunningdale, Ruth Lady Wolfson, Mr G and the Hon Mrs De Bolton, Mr B and the Hon Mrs Townsley, Mr G and the Hon Mrs Davis, Mr D and the Hon Mrs Feltz, Mrs J Steinberg, Mrs R Marryn.

Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Sir Geoffrey Flasberg, MP, and Lady Finsberg, Sir Raymond Hoffenberg (President, Wolfson College, Oxford), Lady Lever, Lady Jakobovits, the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, Sir Randolf and Lady Quirk.

Dayan Ch. Ehrentreu (London Beth Din), Mr Sidney Frosh (President - United Synagogue), Mr and Mrs George M Gee, Mr Gerald Jospe, Mr Salmond S Levin, OBE, Mr Jonathan M Lew (Chief Executive - United Synagogue), Mr and Mrs Victor Lucas, Dr and Mrs Sam Peltz.

Mr A Ansell, Mr D Band, Mr and Mrs E Barnes, Mr and Mrs V Barnett, Mr R Barraclough, Mr and Mrs H Bowman, Dr and Mrs Michael Brock, Mr and Mrs J Cohen, Mr S Cohen, Professor and Mrs S Cohen, Mr C Corman, Mrs C Crawford, Mr S Diamond, Mr R Dring, Mrs V Duffield, Mrs F Ellis, Mr and Mrs L Epoel, Mr and Mrs J Fenner, Professor B R Follett (Vice President The Royal Society), Mr R Foster, Rev E Freilich, Mr J Gesterner, Mr and Mrs R Gillmore, Mr Howard Godfrey, QC, and Mrs Godfrey, Mr R Greenfield, Mr A Handler, Mr P Harris, Mrs S Hass, Mr C Holmes, Mr D St J Holmes, Mr Z Jaffe, Mr and Mrs I Jay, Mr R Kandler, Mrs A Katz, Mr J Kemp-Welch, Mr and Mrs J N King (Wolfson College), Mr and Mrs D Lauffer, Mr A Leadley, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Leigh, Mr and Mrs M Leigh, Mr D Marrion, Mr and Mrs M Marryn, Mr and Mrs R Marryn, Mrs Miriam Marryn, Mr and Mrs M Palsner, Mr and Mrs H Palsner, Mrs K Palmer, Mr S T Peacock, OBE, and Mrs Peacock, Mr and Mrs R Pugh, Dr Barbara Rashbass, Mr A Rind, Mrs G Ronson, Mr and Mrs D Rose, Mr J Seligman, Mrs C Shine, Mrs V Silverman, Mr and Mrs L Speelman, Mr D Stebbings, Mr C Stronge, Mr and Mrs L Sussman, Mr L Swift, QC, Mr and Mrs B Taylor, Dr and Mrs Thompson-Hancock (Royal College of Physicians), Dr and Mrs W Townsley, Rabbi F Vogel, Mr P Weigh, Mrs S Young, Dr and Mrs K Zilker.

Dr Casimir Lewy
A memorial service for Dr Casimir Lewy was held on Saturday in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge. The Rev Andrew Davey, chaplain, officiated, assisted by Dr Alan Weeds, dean of chapel. Sir Michael Atiyah, Master, read the lesson and Professor D.H. Mellor read from the works of William Shakespeare. Professor G.E.M. Anscombe gave an address.

Miss Mona Swann
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Mona Swann was held on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Eastbourne. The Right Rev Simon Phipps officiated.

Miss Prunella Scales read a lesson and from *An Ode After Easter* by Francis Thompson and Mrs Simon Phipps read a lesson and from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. Mr Adrian Underwood, Headmaster of Moira House School, Eastbourne, gave an address.

Mrs Marion Underwood, soprano, accompanied by Mr David Woodward, organ, sang "O Rejoice that the Lord has Arisen" by Mascagni and the Moira House School Choir, conducted by Mrs Alison Wicks, sang "A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester" by L.J. White.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev Christopher C Hanson, Curate, St Peter, Hereford (Hereford): to be Curate of St Andrew, Plymouth (Exeter). The Rev Michael W Hardy, Rector, Arreton with Shearsby and Bruntingthorpe: to be also Rural Dean of Guthlaxton I Deanery (Leicester). The Rev Leslie T J Hillary, Assistant Curate, Stainton in Cleveland (York): to be Royal Army Chaplain. The Rev Canon Geoffrey R Holley, Rector, Loughton, St John, and Rural Dean of Epping Forest: to be Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral on retirement as from 31 July 1992. The Rev Alastair G Kendall, Assistant Vicar, St John Park, on secondment to Sheffield Manor Team Ministry and a Local Ecumenical Project (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Bream (Gloucester). The Rev Norman P Lass, lately Rector of Monks Eleigh with Chelsworth and Brent Eleigh (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Priest in Charge of Bradworthy (Exeter). The Rev Preb Bernard T Maddox, Vicar, Shrewsbury all Saints with St Michael: to be Master and Chaplain St John's Hospital, Lichfield (Lichfield).

Regent's College

An exhibition of studio glass by Adam Aaronson opened yesterday at the Knapp Gallery, Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London.

He said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord God who inspires the prophets has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place. *And remember, I am coming soon!*'
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BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG - On November 17th, in London, to Emma (née Hunt) and Peter, a son, Anthony William.

BERGER - On November 21st, at St Thomas', to Nicky (nee Dawson) and Antony, a son, Edward Bertram (Bertie).

COMA - On Tuesday November 19th 1991 at 10.07 *am*, to Aussie and Rosie, a daughter, Holly Catherine.

CORNISH-BELTRAME - On November 18th at 148 Heavitree Road, Exeter, to Sarah and Piero, a son, Mattia Francis, a brother for Caia Lily and Lucia Jane. Returning to Rome Jan '92.

EDWARDS - On 21st November, at Basildon Hospital, to *Francesca (née Butler)* and Alan, a daughter, Annabel May Rose, a sister for Fergus and Duncan.

HOLE - On November 19th 1991, at Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Sophie (née Preston) and *Nicholas, a son, Thomas* Benjamin.

NOWELL - On November 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Alison (nee Blair) and Tremayn, a daughter, Briony Grace.

PARKER - On 16th November, to *Adrienne (née Westmoreland)* and Christopher, a daughter, Sophie Georgina.

SHUTER - On 17that The Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Sian (née Evans) and Mathew, a son Oliver Charles Gauntlett.

SPEARE-COLE - On 21st November to *Alastair* and Jessica (née Boscawen), a daughter, Antonia Margaret.

ZONE - On November 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to *Suzanne and Nigel*, twins, Stefan Joshua and Natasha Aimee.

DEATHS

BERNSTEIN - On November 23rd, peaceably, Sandra Mary, wife of Baron Bernstein of Leigh, mother of Charlotte, David and Jane. Funeral service at St Mary's Leigh on Wednesday November 27th at 12.00 noon. Flowers to W. Garstin, 10, Chiltern Street, London, W1 by 9.15 am on Wednesday. Enquiries to 071-935 4868.

BRAND - On November 22nd, Captain Eric S, RN, 96 years in Ottawa, Canada. Husband of Margaret (née Mann). Father of Christopher and Victoria (Robinson). Private cremation 26th November in Ottawa.

COMPTON - On November 13th 1991, in London, Marjorie Thelma, formerly of New Zealand. Wife of the late Max Compton and loved mother of Elizabeth Moggie of Malaysia. Private cremation. Memorial Eucharist at St Vedast, Foster Lane, London, on Thursday November 28th at 7.30 pm.

COOKE - On November 21, *Yvonne Ellen beloved wife of* Douglas, peacefully at Somerset West, South Africa after a brave fight against cancer.

COURSE - On 21st November, Margaret Stella Brooke (née Clifford) peacefully at home after a short illness. Dearly *loved wife and mother of* Robert and Noel.

DE QUINCEY - On 20th November peacefully at home at West Runton, aged 78 years, beloved husband of Jane. Funeral service at St. Faith's Crematorium on Thursday November 28th at 1.00pm. Any enquiries please telephone 0263 514814

DUCIE - On Tuesday November 12th, suddenly, The Right Honourable Earl of Ducie, of Tortworth, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos., aged 73. A beloved husband, father and grandfather. A Memorial Service will be held at Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday November 30th at 10.30 am. Donations may be sent for The British Heart Foundation and Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Goscombe Funeral Services, 54b Silver Street, Dursley, Glos. Would those attending the service please arrive early, as car parking space is limited.

ROBINSON - On November 22nd Patricia wife of the late Stephen Robinson and mother of Alastair. Funeral service at St. Maris Church, Newnham, Cambridge on Friday November 29th at 2.00pm followed by private burial at Hinxton Church. All enquiries to Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge. Tel: Cambridge 369480

GALLETLY - On November 21st, 1991. *Peacefully at* Wemyss Lodge, Swindon, Winifred Geraldine in her 86th year, widow of Sid, the late Brigadier THS Galletly DSO, MC and a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon on Thursday 28th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but, donations in her memory if desired to The National Asthma Campaign, 300 Upper Street, London, N1 2XX.

HINDSON - On November 23rd, 1991. Peacefully Ornette aged 83. For 63 years beloved wife of Captain William Theobald ('Toby') RN, much loved mother of Christina and the late William and loving mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Stoke D'Abernon, nr Cobham, Surrey at 2.30pm on Thursday 28th November preceeded by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund. Enquiries to Pimms (0483) 274079

ROPER - On November 20th 1991, suddenly in a Sandbrook, Hythe residential home, William Edward Charles, aged 89 years. Former Pupil of Old Merchant Taylors School and Civil Engineer for the Burmese Government. Funeral Service at Hawkinge Crematorium on Friday November 29th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations. If desired, to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury. c/o Cluttendens Funural Services, 1 Ingoldsby Road, Folkestone, Kent.

ROWLEY - On Thursday 21st November, Gillian (née Dean), suddenly. Beloved wife of Brian and beloved mother of Ben and Clare. Funeral service Wednesday 27th November 10.30 am at St. Marys, Charlham, Canterbury. Family burial at St. Peters, Crux, Froxfield, Hampshire. Flowers may be sent C.W Lyons & Son Ltd, Canterbury. (0227) 463508

STURT - On 21st November, George documentary film maker beloved husband of Leah, aged 82. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday 26th November at 2.15pm. No flowers.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BLAKEWAY - *John Denys*, 27.V.18 - 24.XI.86. Unforgettable. unforgotten. J

COLLINS P.B.C - With Love *on his Birthday*. Sunday 24th November.

CROOKSHANK - Paddy 3.3.15 - 25.11.71. Loving *memories*. Tina, Virginia and Alexa.

DRAKE - Nick. Remembered always with love.

STERN - *In memory of* Professor Peter Stern, distinguished scholar and beloved friend, a donation has been made to Children in Need by Professor and Mrs Ioannis Pesmazoglou.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr ZAFAR ZAMAN. Congratulations on your graduation as Dr of Physiology from Edinburgh *University, with love from family* and friends.

GRATEFUL thanks to St. Jude for prayers answered.

OH *realising that people are more* important than material success I should like to offer some time and energy to a caring pursuit. Medical Students or Undergraduates please to Box No 6425

RICHARD progress is difficult, please contact me on 071 620 1727. Mac

WOULD Lieutenant Escott who was captured at Pizzoferrato on 3rd February 1944, or any person knowing how he can be contacted please get in touch with Wigram & Company (Solicitors) of 20 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0AY - Tel No. 071 580 8021

University news

Oxford

University prizes

1991 Hall Houghton prizes
Canon Hall junior prize: no award: proxime accessit: Christopher Clarton Ash, Wycliffe Hall; Houghton Syriac version prize: no award; proxime accessit: Kate Frances Ryle, Somerville Coll.

Elections

NEW COLLEGE

To scholars: Miss Beverley A Blakeney, Croydon HS; the Hon Luke R O Bridgeman, Eton Coll; Miss Rachel F Essex, Sevenoaks S; Miss Rebecca Pine, Roundwood Park S, Harpenden; Mr Mark D Hannaby, Yale Sixth Form Coll, Wrexham; Mr Alexander Hart, Cranleigh S; Mr Andrew J Hudson, Haywards Heath Sixth Form Coll, West Sussex; Mr Jonathan A Hughes, Manchester GS; Miss Elsewen L Jones, Perse S for Girls, Cambridge; Miss Kelly A Kormaz, Archbishop Blanch S, Liverpool; Miss Rebecca D J Lawrence, Godolphin & Latymer S, London; Miss Sarah E Morris, Thomas Alleyne's High S, Uttoxeter; Miss Elizabeth A Neale, Dunottar S, Reigate; Mr *Steven D Noble, Coventry & King Henry VIII*; Mr Alan J Quantly, Winchester Coll; Mr Timothy F Rayner, Stokesley S, Cleveland; Miss Louise C Seely, Perse S for Girls, Cambridge; Mr Christopher M Swannack, Hutton GS, Preston; Mr David R J Taylor, Judd S, Tonbridge; Mr Richard P W Thomas, Worksop Coll; Mr Thomas C Weekes, Woodhouse Sixth Form Coll, London.

To exhibitioners: Miss Rachel L Basty, St Peter's S, York; *Miss Jennifer R Bright, King's Coll, Ely*; Mr Danny Hillman, Kingston Coll of FE, Surrey; Mr Stuart D McMullan, Merchant Taylors' S, Northwood; Miss Elizabeth J Page, Peter Symonds' Coll, Winchester; Mr Roy A Palmer, St Albans S; Mr Edwin D Taylor, Stanborough S, Welwyn Garden City; Mr Edward P R Webb, Winchester Coll; Mr Nicholas G Williams, Bolton S.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE

To scholarships: Katharine M Allen, formerly of Victoria Coll, Belfast; J A G Bawtree, Lester B Pearson Coll, Canada; N P Bradshaw, Portsmouth GS; D M Brown, Merchiston Castle S; Helen J Brown, Stockton VI Form Coll; W D Carroll, Kirkham GS; J G Esler, Belfast Royal Academy; Elizabeth Foster, Harrogate S; N T Gallagher, St Thomas More Upper S, Bedford; S T Gettings, Aldgar Centre, Rugeley; P E Harper, Keswick S; D M Harrison, Litleover S, Derby; C M Hencken, Ripon GS; P Hodgkinson, Ripon GS; J C Horsfall, Abingdon S; Kathryn M Hough, Hills Road VI Form Coll, Cambridge; Caroline E Jackson, York VI Form Coll; R Kealy, Emanuel S, London; D J Lynde, St Dominic's VI Form Coll, Harrow; Louisa Mackenzie, Strathallan S, Perth; R J D Mortimer, Norwich S; G P Norton, Norwich S; Sophie E M Ortner, Oundle S; I G Osborne, Loughborough GS; M P Owen, Abingdon S; Leila Padmanabhan, Hulme Coll for Girls, Oldham; M E Phillips, Bilborough Coll, Nottingham; S D Sutcliffe, Millfield S; Emma L Taylor, Hartlepool VI Form Coll; E M C Towill, Bishop of Llandaff High S, Cardiff; Rebecca E Ulph, Wymondham Coll, Norfolk; Joanne Whyberd, Bromley High S; Sarah L Williams, West Kirby GS for Girls.

To exhibitions: Sia E Appiln, Kingston G; P J Arnold, King Edward VI S, Southampton; Naomi F Carnon, Abbey S, Reading; Elizabeth M Cooke, *Millfield S*; M L Costen, *Kings of Wessex S*, Cheddar; Alison R Cowe, Presbyterian Ladies' Coll, Australia; S R Donnelly, St Edmund Campion S, Gateshead; M P Eastwood, Millfield S; J R Hargreaves, Queen Elizabeth G, Wakefield; D Hasnip, King Edward's S, Birmingham; M Hawken, Ripon GS; Penny L Hogbin, Wilmslow Co High S; Victoria J King, Birkenhead High S; T C Leunig, The Mathematical S, Rochester; J R Limb, Millfield S; J W A Mason, Fulford S, York; E T U Molyneux, Emanuel S, London; K-B Ong, Oundle S; Sandra Randall, Wirral Co Girls' S, Wirral; Sarah Rigby, Millfield S; Wilma A Rix, Epsom Coll; M H Schuller, Evangelisches Gymnsium zum Grauen Kloster; P A Taylor, Queen Mary's GS, Walsall; Helen L Toone, Coventry S, King Henry VIII; Eva M Wess, Sir William Perkin's S, Chertsey; Julia L West, Rochester GS for Girls; J R Whyte, Judd S, Tonbridge; *Angela S Winnett*, De Lisle S, Loughborough.

College bursaries: Jane E Bushaway, Giggleswick S; D R Clother, Emanuel S; J R Duff, Royal GS, Newcastle; Victoria J King, Birkenhead High S; J B Pritchard, King Edward's S, Birmingham; S F Stebbings, Bedford S; S D Whiteside, Bridlington S.

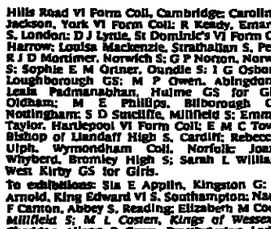
ALL SOULS COLLEGE

Elected to a fellowship by examination: Miss Emma Josephine Smith.

Hull

The following honorary degrees to be conferred on December 13:
LLD: Professor Sir Roland Smith, chairman of Hepworth plc; Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib, industry minister, Brunei. DSc: Eva Crackles, botanist and lecturer.

Nature notes


FIELDFARE

HAWTHORN trees are full of fieldfares, redwings and blackbirds, all feeding on the heavy crop of crimson berries. When disturbed, the fieldfares, which are large, handsome thrushes, wheel boldly into the sky above the trees with a loud "chack-chack", and fly into high treetops. The redwings slip out more furtively; the blackbirds dive for ground cover with a rippling alarm cry.

Kingfisher families have broken up, and the members have resumed their solitary lives. Though they are such brilliantly coloured birds, they are well-camouflaged in waterside bushes just now, their blue backs and orange breasts blending with the green banks and red bramble-leaves behind them.

Flowers still to be found include Oxford ragwort and herb-robert, with pink blossoms and leaves.

Teasel plants stand tall, some as much as seven foot high this year: their spiky, purple seed-heads are defended by criss-crossing white swords. On alder trees, new purple catkins are growing among the black seed-cones. Weeping willows are still quite green: remaining leaves on the oak trees have a grey, washed-out look. Grass is still very green everywhere, and glitters in the low sun and the strong wind.

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NOV 25 # ON THIS DAY # 1925

Kirkuk was to become of great importance in the development of the Iraqi petroleum industry. The builders of this railway were faced with some daunting hazards; there was a plague of locusts; a shortage of camels, snow at Christmas, even as far south as Baghdad, and torrential early spring floods.

BY TRAIN TO KIRKUK.

(From Our Baghdad Correspondent.)

The British public has scarcely heard of Kirkuk, but the Turk, whose kinsfolk are strongly represented in the city, remembers that before the war it was the headquarters of an infantry division.

While the new kingdom was in the making in the south, the northern towns not benefited by the new routes by rail to Baghdad or by car to Beirut held aloof, and the *Turkish-speaking Kirkuklis* wondered how long they would have to wait till the Turks returned, and rather glorified in their isolation.

It was with a view to putting an end to the isolation of Kirkuk and bringing it into definite and uninterrupted touch with the rest of Iraq that the then Prime Minister, Yasin Pasha el Hashimi, and the Minister of Communications induced the Iraqi Treasury to find funds for the construction of a railway from the Kingoban railhead to Kirkuk. Construction began early in 1924, and a very inauspicious year that proved. First came a plague of locusts in spring. They were as the waves of the sea in noise and number; they clogged the irrigation ditches and swam the rivers.

Local Kurdish labour proved inadequate and Arab labour had to be imported from the south and Persian from the east, but no sooner was work begun than the fast of Ramadan fell due. A month without bite or sup from sunrise to sundown does not conduce to good work in the best of climates, and after the fast follows the feasting — a week of orgy — and the need to recover from its effects.

Eventually a new start was made. The earthwork was entrusted to a contractor, while the building of the two big bridges — one over the Aq Su, 25 miles from the railhead, consisting of 23 spans of 40ft. girders on mass concrete piers, the other over the Tauk Chai, with 48 spans of 40ft. girders — was entrusted, along with other work, to an assistant engineer in direct control of men and materials.

The transport of materials to the bridges presented an unexpected difficulty; there was a mysterious shortage of camels both for the Royal Air Force in transit to Kirkuk and for the railways. Where thousands had been guaranteed there were scarcely 100 at times; the control was nearly all in the hands of one man, and what that contractor's aim was in causing a shortage may best be surmised.

By October the countryside was burned brown in the throes of a drought, for the rains, which usually come in the end of October, held off till after mid-December. When they came they did not last long; for within a week they had turned to sleet, and on December 27 Iraq, as far south as Baghdad, awoke to find itself wrapt in a mantle of snow. When the frost cleared in February there was a short respite of spring weather, and then in March came the rains again. The bridges on the Kirkuk-Kingoban-Kifri road were washed away; the bridge party at the Tauk Chai was cut off from all communication with the outside world for a week, while a trestle bridge 15 miles out from Kingoban was lifted out of its place in a *wadi* 20ft. deep, and floated three-quarters of a mile across country. The railway bridge across the Aq Su was completed, and stood the onrush of waters nobly.

But in spite of all, the first passenger train entered Kirkuk station a few weeks ago. As regards finance, certain facts are interesting. Nearly 85 miles of line have been completed at a cost of 24 lakhs of rupees — roughly £180,000.

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DATED this 19th day of November 1991.
Keith David Goodman, FCA, Joint Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co, Chartered Accountants PO Box 563 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, London W2 6LF and Anthony James McMahon, FCA, Joint Liquidator, KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP.

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By Order of the Board
Y. COHEN.
DIRECTOR.

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Dated the 19th day of November 1991.
J. BELLINGHAM, Director.

GOLDEN GRID PLC
I, Malcolm John London of Cort, Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 8th November 1991 by the Shareholders & Creditors.
Dated 20 November 1991.
Malcolm John London
Liquidator

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19th November 1991.
I D Holland - Administrator

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Any creditor of the company may, within five weeks of the resolution, apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 0012099 of 1991
CHANCERY DIVISION
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IN THE MATTER OF UBS PHILLIPS & DREW INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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Ref: F2/SOL/JRS1828a/j

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AMA (15): The spiritual voyage of an African family in London an uneven attempt to merge tribal magic with the urban landscape Directors, Kwesi Owusa and Kwate Nee-Owoo Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ HANGIN' WITH THE HOMEBOYS (15): Broad but bouncy comedy-drama, about South Bronx pals hanging out one Friday night from young Puerto Rican director Joseph B Vasquez. With Doug E Doug Mario Joyner Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

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♦ BOYZ N THE HOOD (15): Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

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♦ FLIRTING (12): Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

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♦ RAMBLING ROSE (15): Innocent seapot turns all heads in 1935 Georgia Episodic, benign, hugely entertaining, memorable performances from Laura Dern, Robert Duvall Director, Martha Coolidge Odeon Haymarket (0426 915363)

♦ WHAT ABOUT BOB? (PG): Phobia-mad Bill Murray drives psychiatrist Richard Dreyfuss close to the edge Sweet, crazy comedy from Frank Oz. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

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☐ **BELFRY.** Billy Roche's impressive finely acted drama of adulterous love in a Wexford sacristy Excellent Bush, Shepherds Bush Green W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm 125mins

■ **DAMNED FOR DESPAIR:** Masterly production by Stephen Daldry of Tirso de Molina's drama of a cynical hermit and a repentant thug Gate, Prince Albert Pub 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm 160mins

■ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN:** Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm 120mins

☐ **THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK.** Good things in this vast elaborate spectacular but the storyline is a needle in a haystack Prince Edward, Old Compton Street W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs Sat 3pm 150mins

☐ **IT'S RALPH:** Timothy West Jack Shepherd Connie Booth in rickety Hugh Whitemore piece about betrayed ideals A play that split the critics Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Fri, 8pm Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm mat Tues 3pm 135mins

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT.** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival Palladium, Argyll Street W1 (071-494 5037) Mon Sat 7.30pm mats Wed Sat 2.30pm 170mins

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Kirov stars Yelena Pankova and Kirill Melnikov Poole Arts Centre Kingland Road Poole (0202 685222) 7.30pm

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: The orchestra plays a visit to Norwich performing Sibelius's Violin Concerto (with soloist Viktoria Mullova) and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5, under conductor Kurt Masur St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Hill, Norwich (0603 628477), 7.15pm

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF EUROPE: Soprano Amanda Roocroft, tenor Laurence Dale and baritone David Thomas join the orchestra and the Tallis Chamber Choir for a performance of Haydn's *The Creation* (sung in German) Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071 638 8891), 7.45pm

GEORGE COLEMAN. The post-bop saxophonist and former Miles Davis sideman, considered to be one of the finest exponents of the tenor saxophone, arrives in London for a two-week residency. Support Tony Levin Trio Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 8.30pm

SADAO WATANABE: Another performer vying for the jazz audiences is the Japanese alto saxophonist Sadao Watanabe, who gives his final concert here after his stint at Ronnie Scott's (see review, right) Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

ABDULLAH IBRAHIM: South African pianist Abdullah Ibrahim begins a week-long London residency with his long-standing ensemble Ekaya An exile in America for many years, he returned to his native Cape Town to record his latest, critically acclaimed album *Mantra* Jazz Cafe 15a Parkway London NW1 (071-284 4358) 8.30pm

DAVID ESSEX: Still billed as a "rock star" David Essex nears the end of his ambitious 46-date British tour This coincides with the release of a new greatest hits album imaginatively entitled *His Greatest Hits*, and a world music album *Under Different Skies* inspired by Essex's travels across Africa Central America and the Caribbean on a recent VSO trip Civic Theatre, Civic Hall, London Road, Guildford (0483 444555) 7.30pm

THE MAKING OF ENGLAND: Anglo-Saxon Britain is seldom regarded as an important centre of art and culture But a few famous artefacts suggest another view, and the new show at the British Museum convincingly fits in the details of a golden age British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555) Mon Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until March 8

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CONCERT

Julia Migenes
Festival Hall

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Crackling: Julia Migenes, the versatile prima donna, on Friday

QUITE possibly, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an opera singer to give a convincing performance of a Broadway melody. Of course, that does not stop plenty of divas from trying. They commit acts of gross indecency on defenceless Gershwin or Porter refrains in the name of "crossover": that wonderful marketing euphemism for people who attempt repertoire for which they have neither the right voice nor background.

Julia Migenes is the shining exception. The star of last summer's *Tosca* at Earls Court hit the Festival Hall on Friday, backed by a big band and boosted to knee-trembling volume by a pair of megalithic loudspeakers that would not have looked out of place at Stonehenge. And she produced a 100-minute show of classic Broadway material that had crackling energy, great personality and all the right style.

Here is one opera singer who can rein in the booming tone and use a microphone to splendid effect. But that is not surprising. Migenes started in Broadway, and only later made the transition to the posh side of the tracks. In this *tour de force* she did offer glimpses of the opera house: the Habanera from *Carmen* sung with oodles of heavy breathing, and "One Fine Day" from *Butterfly*, virtuosically integrated with "Matchmaker Matchmaker" from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Mostly, however, the numbers were by Bernstein and Gershwin, though she did sing Kurt Weill in German, some interminable flamenco effort about Buenos Aires in Spanish, and "Windmills of Your Mind" in French. In that tongue, it seems, *les moulins* are *de mon coeur*. Well, the French are a romantic nation.

Only occasionally did Migenes and her 26-piece band (led from the piano by Bruno Fontaine) take a false stylistic step. "Somewhere" from *West Side Story* was orchestrated like a Brahms slow movement, while "Make Our Garden Grow" from *Candide* was puffed up into a grandiose, Mahlerian finish that stretched the material too far.

Elsewhere, though, Migenes judged it perfectly. Her entrance set the mood. The pianist struck up some moody, minor-keyed chords, and Migenes — a pre-Raphaelite hair-do in Fred Astaire tails — entered through the auditorium. Picked up by a spotlight, she vocalised soulfully on something that transpired to be Rodrigo's Guitar Concerto, given a steamy suggestiveness that dear old Segovia never managed.

Reaching the platform, she began to rub her lower left abdomen. My first reaction was that she was troubled by a grumbling appendix. But in retrospect, I suspect this odd gesture was supposed to exude raw sexuality. Then, a few numbers later, this most versatile of prima donnas removed her tail-coat to reveal a black lace vest, the like of which never graced Dame Clara Butt.

Her exit was rather special, too. It was an Ellington medley that probably would not have excited the jazz buffs with its improvisational ingenuity, but did work up an electrifying surge of vocal power. Was it here or earlier that she hurled her microphone stand tempestuously across the platform? Dame Clara was never much good at that, either.

RICHARD MORRISON

JAZZ

Sadao Watanabe
Ronnie Scott's

RECKONED to be the world's most avid consumers of jazz, the Japanese are still at the research and development stage in terms of home-produced musicians. Those who have emerged so far have tended to be diligent copies of American models. Sadao Watanabe, who is in London as part of the Japan Festival, is a case in point.

The 58-year-old alto saxophonist has been the dominant force in his country's jazz scene for more than 30 years. Originally inspired by Charlie Parker, he now specialises in a highly commercial brand of fusion music, pitched roughly between the funky seduction soundtracks of Grover Washington and Kenny G.

Like its predecessors, his new album, *Sweet Deal*, will probably sell by the Honda-load back home. Watanabe has the knack of composing glossy tunes with more melodic interest than those of most of his rivals. His own playing, on the other hand, is almost completely lacking in colour, one unadorned legato phrase following the other until the listener is rocked into a mild reverie. The rest of the band performed with precision and a welcome degree of restraint, but without a great deal of personality. Watanabe completes his debut visit tonight with a concert at the Festival Hall.

One other major foreign attraction this month was the screening of Pupi Avati's film biography **Bix** at the **London Film Festival**. Sub-titled "An Interpretation of a Legend", the low-budget Italian production made a brave attempt at dramatising the life of Bix Beiderbecke. Hampered by a fragmented and sometimes confused screenplay, the film was lifted by a subtle performance by Bryant Weeks in the title role, and by another of Bob Wilber's painstaking recreations of period recordings. The contributors included Kenny Davern and the British pianist Keith Nichols.

Many of the scenes were shot at Beiderbecke's childhood home in Davenport, Iowa; there are hopes that the restored house will be turned into a museum. The film has yet to secure theatrical release in this country. Let us hope some enlightened television executive will see its potential and buy it for the small screen.

CLIVE DAVIS

DANCE

Island to Island
Apollo, Oxford

ONLY a few weeks after its London season, Rambert Dance Company on tour is already beginning to put together the new works it will want to show in the capital next year. The company had lined up for Oxford last week a piece by the French choreographer Hervé Robbe, a co-production with last summer's Aix festival, but that had to be held over because of a problem with the music. Instead, one of the company's leading dancers, Mark Baldwin, has been given an opportunity to make his first contribution to the repertoire with *Island to Island*.

The piece justified the decision. He shows a strong gift for presenting the dancers in clear, bold patterns, with strong contrast between some passages of swift movement and others of composed stillness. The use of space is confident and varied, and Baldwin provides an individual twist by the importance he puts on a single figure moving away from the audience. There is no overt meaning to the piece, but the skill with which he differentiates and presents the qualities of the three women and two men provides enough interest.

Like many choreographers nowadays, Baldwin reveals no great interest in music as a basis for his work. Indeed, the recorded accompaniment, a quick rhythmic pulse of noise, is described in the programme simply as "sound" by Ben Craft, and seems to do no more than pace the dancers on their way.

The fashionable separation of dance and music arises principally from the collaboration of Merce Cunningham and John Cage, so it is worth noting that the best example on this programme of how much choreography can be inspired by music comes from a revival of Cunningham's *Septet*, an early work made before he developed his present methods.

Set to Satie's *Trois Morceaux en Forme de Poire*, it heightens the effect sometimes by relating to the music, as in the man's solo, sometimes by deliberately working against it, for instance in the duet. The choreography also catches much of the spirit of Satie, his wit and his wry poetry. This is a marvellous work, not to be missed.

JOHN PERCIVAL

OPERA

Agrippina
St John's, Smith Square

TRAILING clouds of glory (two *Gramophone* awards last week, and a successful tour of Madrid, Vienna and Paris behind them) John Eliot Gardiner, with the English Baroque Soloists and without the Monteverdi Choir, arrived in St John's, Smith Square for a concert performance of Handel's opera *Agrippina*.

To the expectations built up around these performers was added the sense of keen anticipation which belongs uniquely to this great, mature master-piece: the extraordinary sleight of hand as character is built up cumulatively through deft brush strokes in each aria, and the dramatic impetus created as music unravels the tortured plot of political and amorous ambition.

Little wonder, then, that the evening was particularly vulnerable to moments of disappointment. The procession of lusting Romans was, for a start, curiously cast. Della Jones as the ambitious Agrippina too often sounded vocally as well as figuratively of a different generation from her younger colleagues. And they were a puzzlingly assorted lot. The French-Canadian soprano Donna Brown's Poppea had all the notes (and there are many) and sang them in clear, ringing voice, but without a sense of the constantly shifting emotional foreground they live through. And Alastair Miles's dramatic bass was shown to less than full advantage in the stylistically demanding but deliberately boring role of Claudio.

The special sound-palette created by Handel's writing for travesti contralto, and both soprano and alto castrati, was recreated here by three counter-tenors of strongly contrasting hue: Michael Chance as Ottone, Derek Lee Ragin as Nerone and Jonathan Peter Kenny as Narciso. But Nerone's highly strung, flighty musical hysteria is pitched too high even for Ragin's counter-tenor. The voice's own highly distinctive, feminine quality, like small, bright flames constantly rekindling, was therefore under-exploited and the character under-projected in consequence.

There was enough, though, in this live performance, to make one look forward to its eventual documentation on disc. Its glory will surely be the Ottone of Michael Chance. The accompanied recitative in which he finds himself rejected as a traitor, and his Act II aria in which the voice, with oboe, threads its way through chromatic string writing, all but stopped the show. Chance's shading and shaping of every supple line went on to raise musical sighing to a fine art.

Della Jones, too, soon made up for moments of cloudy focus with a dramatic dynamism which carried her through to her own aria of desolation, tracked only by an oboe which etches her inner anguish. The pulsing of archlute and theorbo continuo, the lively and varied pacing of dialogue, and the crisp cameos of George Mosley's Pallante and Julian Clarkson's Lesbo gave welcome definition to this performance-in-progress.

HILARY FINCH

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News begins with *Business Breakfast* until **6.55** when Laurie Mayer and Jill Dando present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject



Spicy hors-d'oeuvres: Chris Baxter, Rosamund Grant (9.50am)

9.50 Hot Chefs. Rosamund Grant and her son Chris Baxter from the Restaurant Bambaya serve up spicy Caribbean-style hors-d'oeuvres
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) **10.25 Pinny's House.** Animated series (r)
10.35 Antiques Roadshow Gems. Hugh Scully dips into the archives and unearths some obscure artefacts including an amputation set, a petrified bird's nest, a portable shower and a collection of saucy postcards
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Family quiz game show hosted by Mike Smith with Kate Copstick **11.30 People Today** presented by Miriam Stoppard, Adrian Mills and Mairi Maciver. Includes news and weather at **12.00**
12.20 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers introduces music and chat from the foyer **12.55 Regional news** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly with another round of the quiz in which contestants from 14 European countries answer general knowledge questions
2.15 Snooker. David Vine introduce sixth round action in the UK professional championship from the Guild Hall, Preston
3.50 Penny Crayon. Animated series **4.00 Harum Scarum.** Three picture book stories told by Brian Glover, Miriam Margoyles and Willie Rushton (s) **4.10 Quick Draw McGraw.** Cartoon **4.20 Watt on Earth.** Episode five of the 12-part science fiction comedy thriller starring Garth Napier Jones, Tom Brodie and Jessica Simpson (s) **4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles.** Cartoon adventures. (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. Enduring children's magazine presented by Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceefax) (s)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Isabella Rossellini, daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini, film director Garry Marshall, whose credits include *Pretty Woman*, and singer Bonnie Raitt
7.30 Watchdog. The consumer affairs magazine looks at how people selling their cars through newspapers and magazines are pestered by agencies trying to persuade them to sell via a computer database
8.00 Telly Addicts. The Marks family from Southgate, north London, meet the Reynolds family of Eastleigh for a place in the final of the television quiz. The questionmaster is the patronising Noel Edmonds
8.30 Lifesense: Partners for Life. How human success depends on partnerships forged with animals, and how the alliance between man and beast has moved over the past 10,000 years from equality to exploitation. (Ceefax) (s)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: Class Wars. As new laws are planned by the government to change the way teachers are trained, a report on the war for the hearts and minds of Britain's schoolchildren
10.10 Cop Rock. American musical drama series set in the Los Angeles police department, created by Steven Bocho of *Hill Street Blues* fame (s). Northern Ireland: The Stand
10.55 Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of two sixth round matches in the UK professional championship from the Guild Hall, Preston. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Kamehm, Clive Everton, John Spencer, Eddie Charlton, Ray Edmonds and John Virgo
11.35 Skillshop. Jobs and training advice series (r)
12.05am Weather

BBC 2

8.00 Breakfast News 8.15 Westminster
8.30 After Adlard Coles. The last of three programmes in which Paul Heiney cruises in the Solent in the wake of K. Adlard Coles (r)
9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r) **2.15 Regional Westminster reports** (r). Northern Ireland: A Taste of Ireland; Wales (to 3.00): Wales in Westminster **2.45 First Eleven.** David Stafford-Clark looks at Rodin's masterpiece *The Kiss* in relation to the erotic and pornographic (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** from Skegness (r). (Ceefax) (s) **3.40 Nightcleaner.** The occupational hazards of night-time street cleaner Horace Stockford (r) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Snooker. The UK professional championship
5.25 One in Four. Magazine series on disabled matters. Includes a report from Australia on the "International Year of the Patronising Bastard"
5.55 Secret Nature. The fourth of a six-part series of films on man's relationship with wildlife. This week Andrew Cooper explores the wildlife of a quarry (r). (Ceefax)
6.25 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.** Adventures of a streetwise inner city Pittsburgh youth who goes to live with relations in wealthy California **6.50 Dance Energy.** Normski with the latest from the club scene (s)
7.20 Rally Report. News of the second day's action in the Lombard RAC rally
7.25 Open Space: Covering the Casket.
● CHOICE: Sheila Awooner-Renner, whose 17-year-son son was killed in a road accident, makes a plea for a more open attitude towards grief and bereavement. She describes how she went to the hospital to see her son's body and was ushered away before she had time to react. "I learned", she says, "that emotion was not allowed". She suggests that the British have something to learn from other cultures, which are not frightened of expressing their feelings. Her thoughts are echoed by a mother whose son died in the Marchioness riverboat tragedy. She was not even able to see the boy and identify him and was told that her interest in him was morbid. Alternative ways of dealing with grief are related by a Hindu woman and a Jamaican, both of whom stayed close to their dead relatives. Sheila Awooner-Renner argues that while "private grief" is a respectable concept, it is also a very lonely one. (Ceefax)
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Former hostage Brian Keenan with the story of an innocent in jail



Paying a high price for tourism: British holidaymakers (8.00pm)

8.00 Nature: Wish You Weren't Here.
● CHOICE: In its usual crisp style, *Nature* considers the environmental cost of tourism. Thanks to rising incomes and speedy transport we are travelling the globe as never before. By the end of the century tourism will be the world's biggest industry and for developing countries in particular it could be an economic lifeline. The debit side is pollution, overcrowding and the destruction of the very amenities we flock to enjoy. Skiers are wearing down the Alps, Mediterranean beaches are covered with litter and, closer to home, £5 million is being spent to repair damage inflicted by walkers on the Pennine Way. Jenni Mills's report looks at "green" tourism and suggests that the most popular tourist spots will have to be rationed or even closed. As Lord Montagu of Beaulieu puts out, the countryside has a limited capacity and, like the last night of the Proms, may in future have to be booked in advance. (Ceefax)
8.30 Film: Attack on Fear (1984) starring Paul Michael Glaser and Linda Kelsey. Effective TV movie, based on fact, about a husband and wife journalist team who used their weekly newspaper to publish the truth about an American drug rehabilitation foundation. Directed by Mel Damski. (Ceefax)
10.00 KYTV. Comedy series parodying satellite television (r)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late Show. Includes an interview with Polish poet Czeslaw Milosz (s)
11.55 Rally Report. Further coverage of the second day of the Lombard RAC rally
12.10am Prisoners of Conscience presented by Brian Keenan (r)
12.15 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones provides the answers, the contestants try and work out the questions **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . presented by Mike Scott
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine
12.10 Rosie and Jim. Puppet series for children
12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley previews her week's series on career options for young people **2.50 A Place in the Sun.** Holiday homes in the Canary Islands
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s)
3.55 The Scooty Show visits London's Toy Museum (s) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures.** Cartoon series created by Steven Spielberg **4.40 Cartoon** starring Porky Pig (r) **4.50 How 2.** Children's questions answered in an entertaining way
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckly with the first of her week's series on career options for young people
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) Weather
7.00 The Krypton Factor. The grand final of the brains and brawn competition, with Tristan Robbie, Paul Evans, Laurence Parsons and Tony Hetherington facing six rigorous rounds of mind and body tests. Presented by Gordon Burns with guests Tony Robinson and Michelle Collins. (Oracle) (s)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike it Lucky. Quiz game show hosted by Michael Barrymore (s)
8.30 World in Action: The Repossessed. A report on how mortgage lenders are ignoring their own guidelines and making families needlessly homeless. Includes an interview with Sir George Young, the housing minister, who critises the behaviour of some lenders, particularly those providing second mortgages
9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey: Rumpole and the Quacks. John Mortimer's irascible advocate defends a doctor accused by a patient of making improper advances. Rumpole's investigations necessitate reading girlie magazines and a visit to a dubious escort agency. Starring Leo McKern. (Oracle) (s)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather

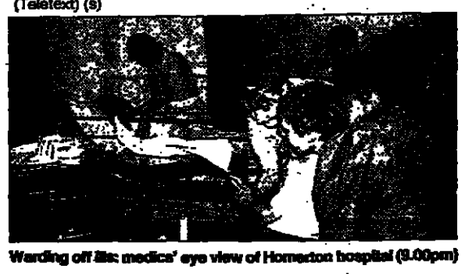


No joking matter: Ruby Wax gets serious about Aids (10.40pm)

10.40 Aids Update '91.
● CHOICE: In its latest attempt to spread the message about Aids, Thames Television has recruited the voluble American comedienne, Ruby Wax, and opens the first of five nightly reports with shots of topless women on a Mediterranean beach. Ruby's flamboyant introduction ("I'm not making this up, it's on the autocue") is followed by rafts of grim statistics, a couple of case histories and stark warnings from soberly-suited experts. Tonight's theme is the spread of Aids among heterosexuals, as illustrated by a young man's casual affair on holiday (hence the topless bathers) and a woman who caught HIV from a boyfriend during an 18-month relationship. Particularly aimed at young people, the series also tackles sex education in schools, needle-sharing in prison and the rapid spread of Aids in New York. (Oracle)
10.50 In the Heat of the Night. A feature length episode of the police drama series set in the American deep south
12.30am Sportsworld Extra introduced by Tony Francis
1.30 Film: The Senator Was Indiscreet (1947, b/w) starring William Powell and Ella Raines. A bird-brained senator decides to run for the presidency against his party's wishes. A biting satire with lively dialogue. Directed by George S. Kaufmann
3.00 American College Football. Maryland v Georgia Tech
4.00 Showtime Coast to Coast. The second of two music specials. Among those appearing are Sting and Herbie Hancock (s)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Channel 4 Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 Right to Reply presented by Rory McGrath. Viewers complain about the lack of science programmes on television; and Mohammed Haque, who appeared in *The Black Bag: I Just Want to Learn*, explains how he felt misrepresented. The programme's producer, Paul Sen responds (r). (Teletext) (s)
12.30 Business Daily. Susannah Simons with the latest news from the world's money markets
1.00 Sesame Street. Award-winning early learning series
2.00 Film: Carrington VC (1954, b/w) starring David Niven and Margaret Leighton. Well-crafted courtroom drama about an army major who defends himself when court-martialled for embezzling mess funds even though he informed his CO that he was going to take money from the safe. Directed by Anthony Asquith
4.00 Nature Perfected. The second programme on the significance of the garden throughout history considers the legacy of the Roman Empire on the gardens of Europe (r). (Teletext) (s)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and entertainment from Dublin, presented by Gay Byrne
6.00 The Wonder Years. The final episode of the award-winning comedy series about growing up in late 1960s America. Starring Fred Savage (r)
6.30 Tonight With Jonathan Ross. The guests are former White House aide Oliver North, who talks about his new book *Under Fire: An American Story*, and *Twin Peaks*'s Kimmy Robertson
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Comment
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham barber's shop. Starring Norman Beaton, Carmen Munroe and Ram John Holder. (Teletext) (s)



Warding off ills: medics' eye view of Homerton hospital (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Casualties.
● CHOICE: The use of the plural is presumably to separate this documentary from the BBC's *Casualty*, though followers of the fictional version will note similarities of content and style. Like *Casualty*, Diane Tammes's film concentrates on a hospital casualty and emergency department and presents a series of overlapping stories as staff do their best to cope with a varied case-load. Like *Casualty*, too, Tammes presents a medics' eye view, helped by hand-held camerawork and brisk editing. Fact and fiction diverge in two main respects. Unlike the fictional Holby, Homerton hospital serves one of the poorest areas of inner-city London. This is reflected in its patients, who include a striking number of psychiatric cases. And while *Casualty* no longer deals with National Health Service politics, Homerton brings us back to the real world of over-worked staff and shrinking budgets. (Teletext)
10.00 Play Dead. A one-off play from the National Film and Television School. The friendship between two young men that is threatened when they become involved with a night club gangster. Written by Danny Cannon and starring Lee Whitlock, David Doyle and David Doffy
11.00 4-Thought: Big Decision. The last of four programmes trying out new formats for analysing current issues. Tonight's five edition is in the form of a game show and is hosted by Henry Kelly who cut his teeth on current affairs while working for the *Irish Times* and on Radio 4's *The World Tonight* before finding a wider audience as a game show and quiz host. A team of seven "contestants" — ordinary viewers who have volunteered for the programme — are asked to decide whether the British government should sign the treaty on European union likely to be on offer at the Maastricht summit next month. They cross-examine a team of experts before reaching their decision through discussion among themselves
12.00 Tonight With Jonathan Ross. A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30
12.30am Because We Must. The television version of dancer/choreographer Michael Clark's 1987 Christmas stage show. Ends at **1.30**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20 Gardens for All 2.50-3.15 Graham Kerr 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.50 Journeys 11.20 Loose Cannon 12.15am-12.30 Pop Profile

BORDER
As London except: 1.50-3.15 Film:The Master Plan 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.50 Film: Pressure Point 12.45am Superstars of Wrestling 1.45 Stephen King's World of Horror 4.10 Film:The Cat Creature 3.55-4.25 America's Top Ten 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20 Graham Kerr 2.45-3.15 Coming of Age 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.50 Betrayal 11.20 Film: Hitchhiker 12.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.45 Film: The Adventurers 3.50 Entertainment UK 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50-3.15 Film: Recoil 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Animal Country 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.50 The Equalizer 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.45 Superstars of Wrestling 1.45 Stephen King's World of Horror 2.40 Film: The Cat Creature 3.55-4.25 America's Top Ten 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 2.15 Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 Action! 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.50-12.30 Film: The Satenic Rites of Dracula

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.50 The Silk Road 11.35 In the Heat of the Night 12.45am Wrestling 1.45 Stephen King's World of Horror 2.40 Film: The Cat Creature 3.55 Top Ten 4.25 Hit Man and Her 5.15-5.30 Jobs

ULSTER
As London except: 1.55pm Sons and Daughters 2.20-2.50 Ronan on the Road 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Check It Out 10.50 The Country Show 11.20 Kiss Me...Kill Me 12.30am Pop Profile 12.45 Wrestling 1.45 Stephen King's World of Horror 2.40 Film: Cat Creature 3.55 Top Ten 4.25 Night Beat 5.15-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00pm-3.15 Film: Lunch Hour 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Peaces of Parkin 10.50 Magnum 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Skinney Sheldon's If Tomorrow Comes 3.15 Trans World Sport 4.10 Cue the Music 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 8.00 C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Family Pride 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Melithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Film: Dr Ehrlick's Magic Bullet 3.55 Nature Perfected 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 The Munsters* 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Siwrcer-Pencampwriaeth Prydain 10.00 Cheers 10.30 LA Law 11.25 Cutting Edge: Casualties 12.25am Tonight with Jonathan Ross 12.55 Empty Nest 1.20 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30 Changing Places 1.00 News 1.30 Compulsion 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by We're Cooking Now 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 European Folk Tales 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.00 Faces and Places 9.00 News 9.30 Scene of the Crime 10.20 Questions and Answers 11.15 Eurofocus 11.35 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30 Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Major League Basketball 9.00 Dear John 9.30 News followed by Film: The Gig 11.10 News 11.35 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 Maude 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.15 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One False Move 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Alf 8.00 Shaka Zulu: Second of a five-part mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Secret Video Show 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 Outer Limits 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Beyond 2000 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 Dayline Hour 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World: The Countryside Show 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline 8.30 Beyond 2000 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Grayeagle (1978): Western in which a man tracks his daughter's Indian kidnapper
12.00 Secret of the Ice Caves (1989): A boy searches for buried treasure
2.00pm Not Just Another Affair (1982): Womaniser Gil Gerard meets his match in Victoria Principal
4.00 Dakota (1989): A runaway teenager (Lou Diamond Phillips) becomes a ranch hand, and finds romance
6.00 Rising Son (1990): Drama about a redundant father and his college drop-out son
8.00 UHF (1989): American comedian "Weird Al" Yankovic stars as the head of an ailing television company
9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 The Running Man (1987): Escaped convict Arnold Schwarzenegger takes part in a futuristic game show
11.45 Wanted: Dead or Alive (1986): Rutger Hauer tracks an international terrorist

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Pitfall (1948, b/w): A married man (Dick Powell) has an affair
8.15 It's in the Bag (1945, b/w): A flea circus promotor searches for a hidden legacy
10.15 Sleep My Love (1948, b/w): A husband (Don Ameche) tries to drive his wife (Claudette Colbert) insane
12.15pm The Return of the Six Million Dollar Man and the Bionic Women (1987): Starring Lee Majors and Lindsay Wagner
2.15 Summertree (1971): A college student (Michael Douglas) conflicts with his parents over the Vietnam war
4.15 The Fantastic World of D.C. Collins (1984): Children's espionage adventure starring Gary Coleman
6.15 Ishtar (1987): Two singer-songwriters (Warren Beatty, Dustin Hoffman) become involved in Middle Eastern intrigue
8.10 Enemies, A Love Story (1989): Paul Mazursky's adaptation of Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel about a Jewish businessman (Ron Silver) and the three women in his life
10.15 Renegades (1989): A maverick cop (Kiefer Sutherland) and an American-Indian (Lou Diamond Philips) team up to catch a diamond thief
12.05am Death Wish (1974): Architect Charles Bronson avenges his wife's murder
1.45 Captive (1985): An heiress is kidnapped and forced to reject her former lifestyle
3.25 Torch Song Trilogy (1988): Harvey Fierstein stars in an adaptation of his own award-winning play about the lives and loves of a drag queen. Ends at 5.20

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 The New Leave It To Beaver 5.30 Green Acres 6.00 Here's Lucy 6.30 "F" Troop 7.00 McHale's Navy 7.30 The Addams Family 8.00 Porridge 8.30 Wings 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 The Young Ones 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh In

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 WTA Tennis 7.30 Tennis: Lufthansa Cup Final 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 Power Hour 10.30 RAC Rally Update 11.00 Rad Line 12.00 Italian League Football 2.00pm Superstars 3.00 Soccer Scottish League 4.30 RAC Rally 5.00 Super Trax 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 Iron Man 7.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 8.00 Kick-Boxing 9.00 Italian League Football 11.00 RAC Rally Update 11.30 NHL Ice Hockey 12.30am WWF Primetime Wrestling

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Skiing: World Cup 2.30 RAC Rally 3.00 Tennis 5.00 Boxing: Featherweight WBA World Championship 6.00 Eurofun Magazine 6.30 Amateur Boxing World Championships 8.00 RAC Rally 8.30 Eurosport News 9.00 Football Euro Goals Magazine 10.00 French Boxing Masters 11.00 RAC Rally 11.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Lombard RAC Rally Highlights 8.00 BMW Golf Cup International 8.30 Powersports 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Ladies Pro Bowlers 11.00 Baseball World Series 1.00pm Vintage Car Rally 2.00 Eurobics 2.30 Lombard RAC Rally Highlights 3.00 Copa America 1991 4.30 Gillette World Sport Special 5.00 Vancouver Triathlon 6.00 Golf 7.00 Lombard RAC Rally 7.30 Revs 8.00 Winter Sportscast: Olympics '92 8.30 The Best of US Boxing 10.00 Lombard RAC Rally 10.30 Spanish Football 11.00 French Rugby League

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 Jocasta Innes Paint Effects 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm What's Cooking 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 The Rich Also Cry 2.20 It's Your Lifestyle 2.30 Video Tours 2.55 House Rules 3.50 Tea Break 4.00 The Dick Van Dyke Show 4.30 The Great American Gameshows 5.25 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Greene (Lord, Let Me Know Mine End: Winchester Cathedral Choir under Martin Neary); Arne (Symphony No 4 in C minor: Cantilena under Adrian Shepherd); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on Greensleeves: Sinfonia of London under John Barbirolli)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Smetana (Scherzo, Festive Symphony: Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra under Lother Zagrosek); Schubert (16 German Dances, D 783: Alfred Brendel, piano); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1 in E flat: Dennis Brain; Philharmonia Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch); Dvorák (Scherzo capriccioso: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Rafael Kubelik)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: W.F. Bach and J.C. Bach. W.F. Bach, Flute Duet in E flat, F 55 (Barthold Kuijken and Marc Hantai); Polonaise in F minor (Guy Penson, fortepiano); Concerto in F for two harpsichords (Andreas Staier and Robert Hill; Musica Antiqua, Köln, under Reinhard Goebel); Fantasia in E minor, F 21 (Huguette Dreyfus, harpsichord); Adagio and Fugue in D minor (Concerto Köln)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Myaskovsky (Cello Sonata No 1 in D, Op 12: Raphael and Peter Wallfisch, cello and piano); Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor: Ulster Orchestra under Tomasz Bugaj); Strevinsky (Sonata for two pianos: Robert Bridge and Jonathan Higgins); Schnittke (Violin Concerto No 3); Arensky (Piano Trio No 2 in F minor)
1.45 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra's Tour of Japan: Tadaaki Otaka conducts Hoddinott (Star Children); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Sylvia Rosenberg, violin, Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Beethoven (Sonata in A minor, Op 23); Bartók (Sonata No 1)
2.05 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook (r)
2.50 The Virtuoso Viola: In the fifth of eight programmes, Cecil Aronowitz, in recordings from the BBC sound archives, performs Shostakovich (Viola Sonata: with Nicola Grunberg, piano); Schumann (Märchenerzahlungen, Op 132: with Thea King, clarinet, Nicola Grunberg, piano); Rubbra (Viola Concerto, Op 75: with the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra under Vernon Handley)
4.10 Piano Trio of Berlin performs Schubert (Piano Trio in E flat, D 929) (r)
5.00 Marcussen Organ at Helsingborg: In the first of four programmes, Christopher Herrick plays Buxtehude (Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161); Shostakovich (Passacaglia, Entr'acte from Katerina Izmailova); Bach (Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Richard Baker
6.55 News
7.00 Samson: St James's Baroque Players and Singers under Ivor Brown perform Handel's oratorio, recorded at the 1991 Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music in London. With Martyn Hill as Samson and Lorna Anderson as Dalila. Interval readings at 8.10 and 9.30
● CHOICE: Samson is linked with Messiah which was first performed, in Dublin, in 1742, and nearly brought the house down. Handel was scared of a London premiere of Messiah. The city had scorned and rejected him, and he put aside the idea of exposing a devotional work to what he considered an ignorant nobility. Instead, in February 1743, he presented Samson, which had a strong plot and familiar characters. Samson was a runaway success. Encouraged, Handel gave Londoners their first Messiah, two months later. The Samson factor was no help. It failed
10.30 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Charles Ives (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)
2.30-3.10 Night School (FM only) (also in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport
8.35 The Week on 4 **8.43** Playback: Educating Archie. Beryl Reid recalls playing in the radio show as Monica, Archie's classmate (2 of 3) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests (s)
10.00-10.30am The Litmus Test (FM only): Nigel Henbest chairs the light-hearted science quiz show (s)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Judges. Read by Ian Hogg (4 of 7)
10.30 Woman's Hour: The guest is Kimmy Robertson, who played Lucy Moran in the television drama series Twin Peaks; and there is a discussion on pornography, incl **11.00** News
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4411. Vincent Duggleby takes calls on social security and other state benefits. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News, You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Not as Funny as It Used to Be: Simon Hoggart celebrates 150 years of Punch magazine. Last in the series (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Colour of Murder. Guy Meredith's dramatisation of Julian Symons's psychological novel (s) (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets Eric Wilkes, emeritus professor of community care and general practice at Sheffield University
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Opera North's production of Robert Saxton's new opera, Caritas, at Wakefield; talks to the American crime writer George V. Higgins about his new novel, The Mandeville Talent, and listens to the Russian pianists Dmitri Sitkovesky and Dmitri Alexeev (s)
4.45 Short Story: In the Withaak's Shade, by Herman Bosman. Read by Jack Klaff
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the comedy panel game (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme examines how Britain's supermarkets determine what food people eat (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Stranger in the Tea Leaves
● CHOICE: This great gust of fun from Wales is after Gogol, but not so far after Gogol that we cannot still recognise it as his The Government Inspector, and, although William Ingram has transplanted the action from a rampantly corrupt Russian town in the early 1600s to an equally corrupt Welsh town in the late 1900s, there remains a glorious anachronism about the farce. References to Kate Adie and parking fines rub shoulders with allusions to pigs' swill, oafs, hobnail boots, and Orpheus and Euridyce (s)
9.15 Never the Same Again: Jenni Mills traces critical periods in family life. In the first of four programmes she meets Damien and Debbie, whose flight to Corfu, on August 22, 1985, was curtailed when their plane burst into flames on the runway at Manchester airport. Although Damien and Debbie escaped, their two friends did not (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassady (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: What Hetty Did, by J.L. Carr (4 of 10) (r)
11.00 Radio Active (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Gary King (FM only) **5.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** News '91 **6.00** Jakki Brambles **7.00** Is Pop Art? Nicky Campbell presents a live debate from the Pop Art Show at the Royal Academy of Arts **8.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Alex Lester: The Early Show **5.00** Martin Kelner **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Mike Ryder **11.00** Anne Robinson **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Debbie Thrower **4.00** Bobby Crush **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz **10.00** Chris Stuart **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Bill Rennells with Night Ride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **8.00am** World Service: Newsdesk **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools **10.25** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 **1.30** BFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squad **2.30** World Service: World Report; **2.45** Personal View; **3.05** Outlook; **3.30** A Sight Worth Seeing; **4.05** Science in Action **4.35** Five Aside **7.15** The Carliner's Game, by Catherine Fisher. Jon Penwee reads the first of five parts **7.30** Orphans in Waiting: Fifth of a six-part spy thriller by Wally K. Daly (r) **8.00** Euromix **8.45** Fanshawe on Five, with Simon Fanshawe **9.30** Great Expectations (r) **10.00** News; Sport **10.10** The Mix, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** The Week Ahead **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.20** Tips for Touristen **5.24** News in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **6.59** Weather **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours Live, News Summary **7.30** A Sight Worth Seeing **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report Live **9.15** Behind The Stage Door **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Colours **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Londres Midi **11.45** Inttagsmagazin **11.59** Weather **12.00** World News **12.09pm** News About Britain **12.15** My Word **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook

Forward to the Millennium: type redrawn to a classical pattern for the age of advancing technology

The Times takes on a new look

A quiet revolution today brings a more graceful appearance to the pages of The Times, *writes*

Alan Hamilton

FORGIVE us if we look a little different this morning. Like an elegantly well-dressed lady under the admiring gaze of a gentleman, we would rather you appreciated the overall effect than dwelt on the detail by which it is achieved. You may not even notice the change; your unconscious eye, we trust, will be glad of it.

The typeface in which this newspaper is set and printed has been redesigned. Serifs have been sharpened, ascenders and descenders thickened and thinned, white space expanded and compressed. Times New Roman has become Times Millennium. Typographical design, the matter of drawing letters which the unthinking might imagine any child could achieve, is an arcane art that does not, and perhaps should not, engage the mind of the average reader.

The eye however knows better, given its task of translating line after line of inky blots into a narrative for the brain to digest, comprehend, enjoy, agree with or fulminate over. Anything that eases and pleases that physical process of translation is to be welcomed.



Patel: recreating robust original for hi-tech



Morison: designed type face of classic elegance

Changing a typeface, in which some 100,000 words are written daily in *The Times* alone, is not a light undertaking, and has been achieved at a cost of £200,000. The justifications are both aesthetic and technical: the way *The Times* is printed today is light years away from the way it was done even a decade ago.

We mention the matter only because in our 206 years' existence we have, for our sins, been the national newspaper industry's progenitor of almost every major advance in printing technology. Not all have been happy, or even successful, but it has been our fate to be in the front line of virtually every battle for progress.

John Walter founded *The Daily Universal Register* in 1785 as an advertising sheet to publicise a new typesetting process he had happened upon. Logography was a clever system of setting several letters at once in the days when all type was set laboriously by hand, letter by letter. Unfortunately for Mr Walter, 1785 was also the date of the first recorded trade union bargaining agreement between the London newspapers and their printers, and any compositor on piecework was not going to look favourably on a device circumventing his labour.

Logography, which was probably not a very good idea in the first place, died a rapid death. Within three years Mr Walter had renamed his sheet *The Times*.

So successful did it become, with such innovations as shifting an advertisement *off the front page to accommodate* the first news of the death of Nelson a mere two weeks after the event, that the hand-operated printing press, more or less identical to those of Gutenberg and Caxton, could not keep pace. Smuggling a high-technology Geran press into his works piece by piece under the noses of his printers, Mr Walter was able to announce to his waiting hands one memorable night in 1814: "Gentlemen, *The Times* is already printed — by steam."

But the greatest change to the look of the paper was achieved in 1932 under the direction of the distinguished typographer Stanley Morison. In designing a typeface suitable for the newspaper's impeccable presswork and high-quality newsprint, he wrote that it had to be "worthy of *The Times* — masculine, English, direct, simple, not more novel than it behoveth to be novel ... and absolutely free from faddishness and frivolity."

Reading *The Times* in its old Gothic garb, it was conceded, had become an act of heroic endeavour, a Spartan trudge for the eye, often not in its first flush of youth, through endless unbroken furrows of dense and indistinct print. Morison designed Times New Roman, a face of classic elegance that has become the most widely used type in the world. Even today there is no laser printer on the market which does not offer it. It served us well for nearly half a century, surviving even the earth-shattering appearance of news on the front page in 1966.

On the day after Times New Roman was introduced, the letters column was brimming with praise. "The headings are clear and bold, so that one may scan the paper for the important news in the morning, and the small type particularly is clear and inviting for closer reading in the evening," enthused the Cambridge university printer.

Ten years ago, it began to fail us. Circulation was rising, and the consequent long runs on the printing presses caused the finer details of the type to break up; it needed some body-building. So we had another distinguished man of letters, Walter Tracy, produce for us Times Europa, a little less delicate, less classical, and rather beefier, better able to withstand long hours in the printing mangle.

All that and more went out of the window when *The Times* found itself yet again in the van of technological advance, culminating in a lock, stock and barrel move away from Fleet Street, from hot metal composition, and into the age of electronics. The computer typesetting equipment supplied had, naturally, Times Roman in its armoury, but being computer-drawn it was a pale and comparatively inelegant shadow of Morison's original.

A further technological advance allows us to redraw our letters once again to a more classical pattern. Offset printing has replaced the old-fashioned letterpress, giving a far sharper and cleaner image on the paper.

Aurobind Patel, composing and design manager of News International who has been largely responsible for the change, says that his aim has been to recreate for modern technology the robust feel of Morison's original, a type designed for the hot metal composition of its day.

But do not count the stitches in the lady's hem, nor the pearls at her neck. Appreciate, if you will, the whole. We trust the eye approves.

☐ This article is set in Times Millennium Demi and Demi Italic, 8 on 8.7pt.

Simon Jenkins, page 14



1920s typesetting: a rare woman Intertype operator during the General Strike

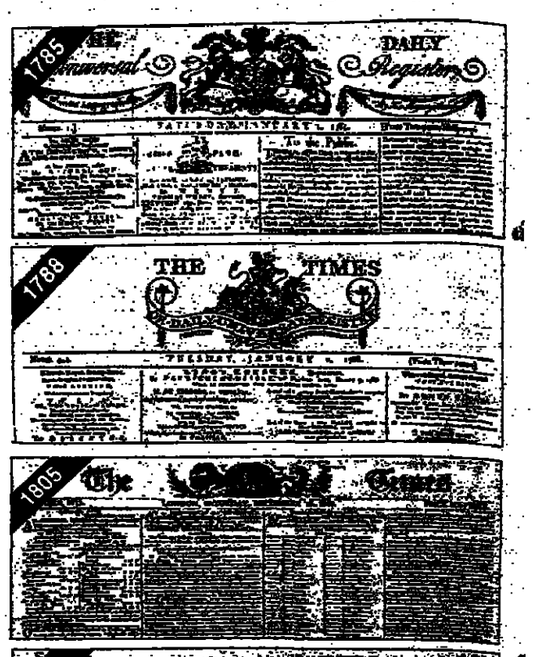


1990s typesetting: computers produce a complete article on bromide paper

This is last week's headline

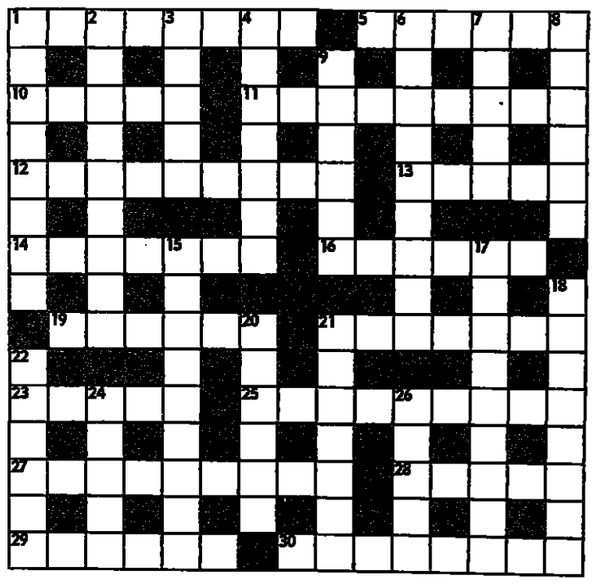
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Changing faces over 206 years



Page progression: how the front page has altered over the years, including (1914) a rare special first world war edition with news, and (May 2, 1966) the most recent revolution, when the all-advertisement front page gave way to daily news

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,772



ACROSS

1 Draw article without decoration as a guide (8).
5 Gives the letters of magic formulae (6).
10 Call up the first lady to receive approval (5).
11 Set a limit on the drink with good reason (9).
12 A name made by writing (9).
13 Popular with an Oriental? Ridiculous! (5).
14 Possibly diverge when upset (7).
16 Sound footwork, that's plain (6).
19 The dealer's a little schemer — certain to cheat (6).
21 Draw for use of spare court (7).
23 Fall off, causing a spill (5).
25 Warn macho eccentric to get cleaner (9).
27 Rich man is just the same as an underworld boss at grabbing credit (9).
28 A thousand warriors backed this Greek character (5).
29 Salad food for an artist? (6).
30 Shown on TV as guarded (8).

DOWN

1 Beastly manoeuvring becomes habit over a period (8).
2 One is glad maybe to be nearby (9).
3 Doctor upset, say, over a long letter (5).
4 Athlete's opening 11 on the beach (7).
6 Careful and quiet — driven to take a break (9).
7 The sovereign owns a place in the mountains (5).
8 Cultivated Europeans (6).
9 Emphasize need for a second lock (6).
15 Substituted for another one caught — captured by divers (9).
17 "Tramping", a new game (9).
18 Colours, and that's normal (8).
20 A log — note amount of wood in it (6).
21 Sort of band capable of adapting to change (7).
22 Lays up gold, which causes amazement (6).
24 An American writing poetry for money (5).
26 Offal can be used to make a stew (5).

Concise crossword, page 17

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,771 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

SCOTTICISMS

STOOKIE
a. A short stocking
b. A plaster cast
c. Heavily built, robust

STOORIE
a. Dusty, covered with powder
b. Shaky, infirm
c. A white lie

STOVIES
a. A tall hat
b. Potato stew
c. Barrel staves

STUSHIE
a. An uproar
b. A surprise
c. Wet through, drenched

Answers on page 18

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THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS

CHAMBORD

COMPLIMENTS OF HENRI WINTERMANS

WEATHER

Wales, Northern Ireland, Western England and much of Scotland will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain, followed by heavy showers during the afternoon. Eastern Scotland and the rest of England should start dry, but rain will spread from the west by the afternoon with clearer weather by evening. It will be windy everywhere with gales in some northern and western areas. Outlook: rain spreading to all parts from the southwest.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	f	Majorca	14	57	s
Akrotiri	24	75	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	23	73	f	Malta	16	61	f
Algiers	16	61	f	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Amst'dm	6	43	s	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Athens	20	68	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	24	75	s	Milan	9	48	c
Bangkok	35	95	f	Montreal*	7	45	c
Barbads*	28	82	r	Moscow	2	36	d
Barcelna	11	52	s	Munich	1	34	c
Beirut	24	75	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	10	50	f	Naples	12	54	r
Berlin	6	43	c	N Delhi	23	73	s
Bermuda*	25	77	s	N York*	14	57	c
Biarritz	6	43	s	Nice	14	57	s
Borde'x	4	39	c	Oslo	3	37	fg
Brussels	6	43	s	Paris	5	41	s
Budapst	9	48	c	Peking	5	41	s
B Aires*	22	72	c	Perth	19	66	f
Cairo	26	79	s	Prague	0	32	fg
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Reykjavik	4	39	r
Chicago*	-1	30	c	Rhodes	21	70	s
Ch'church	17	63	s	Rio de J	30	86	s
Cologne	7	45	s	Riyadh	26	79	s
C'phagn	7	45	c	Rome	11	52	f
Corfu	18	64	f	Salzburg	3	37	f
Dublin	11	52	d	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Faro	13	55	c	Santiago*	17	63	f
Florence	8	46	r	S Paulo*	30	86	c
Frankfurt	5	41	s	Seoul	3	37	s
Funchal	20	68	c	Sing'por	29	84	r
Geneva	4	39	c	St'kholm	8	46	c
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Strasb'rg	2	36	f
Helsinki	-3	37	fg	Sydney	24	75	s
Hong K	22	72	f	Tangier	15	59	s
Innsbrck	4	39	c	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Istanbul	17	63	s	Tenerife	21	70	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	16	61	c
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	4	39	d
Karachi	32	90	s	Tunis	15	59	c
L Palmas	19	66	f	Valencia	16	61	s
Le Touqt	7	45	c	Vanc'ver*	7	45	r
Lisbon	15	59	f	Venice	9	48	f
Locarno	9	48	s	Vienna	3	37	c
London	10	50	c	Warsaw	5	41	c
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
Luxembg	3	37	s	Wel'nton	17	63	s
Luxor	29	84	s	Zurich	2	36	c
Madrid	5	41	s				

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.1	-	10	50	bright
Hunstanton	2.6	-	9	48	bright
Cromer	1.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	8	46	dull
Clacton	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Southend	-	-	10	50	sunny
Margate	-	-	10	50	bright
Folkestone	-	0.1	9	48	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	10	50	dull
Worthing	-	-	10	50	dull
Littlehmptn	-	-	10	50	dull
Bognor R	-	-	10	50	dull
Southsea	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	4.3	-	12	54	bright
Teignmouth	4.5	-	12	54	bright
Torquay	4.8	-	12	54	sunny
Penzance	2.5	-	12	54	bright
Scilly Isles	3.8	-	12	54	sunny
Jersey	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Guernsey	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	4.9	-	12	54	sunny
Morecambe	3.0	-	10	50	bright
Douglas	-	-	11	52	cloudy
B'ham Aurpt	3.7	-	10	50	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	3.3	-	11	52	sunny
London	3.2	-	12	54	sunny
Manchester	1.4	-	10	50	cloudy
N'cstl-n-Tyne	1.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Nottingham	2.7	-	9	48	bright
Anglesey	0.1	-	11	52	bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	5.0	-	11	52	sunny
Colwyn Bay	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Aviemore	0.1	0.1	10	50	rain
Edinburgh	0.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Glasgow	0.3	0.5	12	54	cloudy
Kinloss	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Prestwick	0.4	0.4	12	54	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.9	11	52	rain
Belfast	-	0.9	11	52	cloudy

* Denotes Saturday's figures not available

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W & S Yorks & Dales	717
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W Central Scotland	721
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LONDON

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F) Humidity: 6 pm, 74 per cent Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.7 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

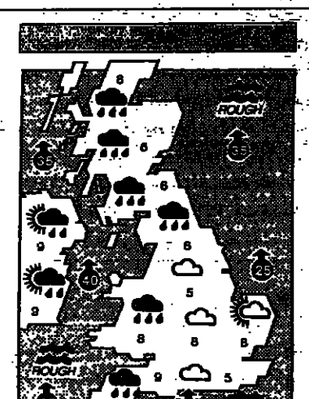
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F) Humidity 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1011.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Friday: Highest day temp: Kinloss, Grampian, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Anvil Green, Kent, and Dunkeswell, Devon, 7C (45F), highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 1.61 in; highest sunshine Isles of Scilly, 4.5 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr.



Data for forecast

London 4.00 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.10 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 3.51 pm to 8.10 am
Manchester 4.00 pm to 7.53 am
Penzance 4.28 pm to 7.52 am

Sun rises: 7.34 am
Sun sets: 4.00 pm
Moon sets 11.07 am
Moon rises 7.49 pm
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c=cloud; f=fair; r, rain; s, sun.

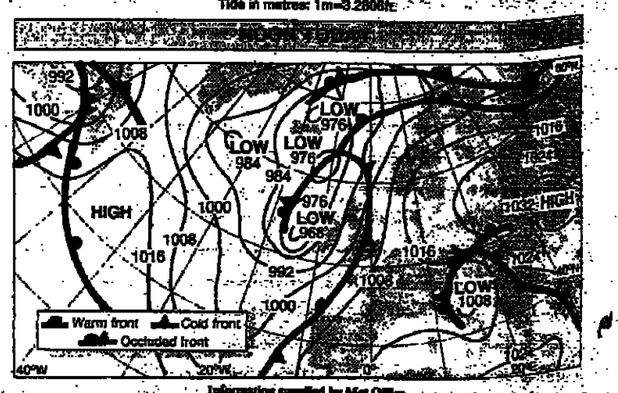
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Belfast	11	52	r	Guernsey	12	54	c
B'mngham	8	46	d	Inverness	12	54	c
Blackpool	10	50	f	Jersey	12	54	c
Bristol	10	50	c	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	9	48	d	M'chester	10	50	c
Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	7	45	r
Glasgow	9	48	r	N'ricklwsky	11	52	c

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.15 in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil.

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.36	7.1	4.00	7.4	Liverpool	12.52	9.4	1.19	9.4
Aberdeen	3.12	4.3	3.22	4.4	Lowestoft	11.31	2.5	11.28	2.6
Avonsmouth	9.10	13.3	9.41	12.9	Margate	1.41	4.8	2.08	4.9
Belfast	12.42	3.3	1.02	3.6	Milford Haven	8.09	7.0	8.30	6.7
Cardiff	8.56	12.3	9.26	11.9	Newquay	7.00	7.0	7.31	6.8
Devonport	7.52	5.5	8.20	5.1	Oban	7.24	4.1	8.06	3.7
Dover	12.34	6.7	12.52	6.6	Penzance	6.54	5.6	7.24	5.2
Falmouth	7.22	5.3	7.50	4.9	Portland	8.53	2.4	9.38	2.1
Glasgow	2.39	4.8	2.49	5.3	Portsmouth	1.05	4.6	1.17	4.7
Harwich	1.31	4.0	1.55	4.1	Shoreham	12.55	6.3	1.11	6.2
Holyhead	—	—	12.15	5.7	Southampton	12.35	4.2	12.49	4.5
Hull	8.15	7.4	8.27	7.3	Swansea	8.12	9.6	8.42	8.2
Ilfracombe	7.49	9.3	8.20	8.9	Tees	5.33	8.6	5.58	8.4
King's Lynn	8.25	6.7	8.36	6.7	Weston-on-Nze	1.21	4.2	1.48	4.3
Leith	4.27	5.6	4.53	5.5					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft



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MONDAY NOVEMBER 25 1991 BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Labour to quiz Lilley on Argyll decision

BY OUR CITY STAFF

A POLITICAL row has blown up over the trade department's decision to hand over part of its interim report into the Guinness affair to Argyll Group, the supermarket chain.

Marjorie Mowlam, Labour spokeswoman on the City, will this week question Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, on the decision to allow Argyll's solicitors to see the report to enable them to conclude a £100 million out-of-court settlement with Guinness.

This is the second time in a month that a DTI report into a matter currently the subject of a criminal trial has sparked a controversy. Copies of the report into the Blue Arrow affair have been sold to selected parties mentioned in it.

A DTI spokeswomen yesterday refused to comment on the as yet unpublished Guinness report, but she confirmed that copies were made available to the Argyll camp at the solicitors' request.

"When the subject of the report is also the subject of a criminal trial, it isn't published until the conclusion of the process," she said. "However, there are provisions under the Companies Act to make available copies of a report before publication to people affected by it.

"Our practice has been to let such people have access . . . before publication subject to their giving undertakings to preserve its confidentiality."

The report was requested by Argyll's solicitors, and the DTI had taken the decision to hand it over after consulting the judge and defendents in the ongoing Guinness trial.

German agency attacked

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S Treuhand privatisation agency is under attack for allegedly losing DM500 million (£175 million) on the DM1 billion sale of the former East Germany's largest oil refinery to a consortium led by Veba, the west German group.

A report in *Der Tagesspiegel*, the German newspaper, said that the sale agreement in May left the Treuhand to finance investment in the refinery group.

A spokesman for the Treuhand said the agency had launched an investigation into the deal.

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Continental Airlines hope

CONTINENTAL Airlines Holdings, the American airline that went into chapter 11 bankruptcy last December, hopes to extract itself by giving unsecured creditors and its 39,000 employees a stake in a new airline company it plans to set up. The board said Northwest Airlines was still interested in Continental but could not promise a deal soon. Continental has until Thursday to file a reorganisation plan in Delaware's bankruptcy court without facing competing proposals.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7980 (+0.0293)
German mark
2.8525 (-0.0429)
Exchange index
90.8 (-0.4)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1866.8 (-81.8)
FT-SE 100
2446.3 (-100.3)
New York Dow Jones
2902.73 (-40.47)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23117.39 (-981.79)

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Lamont will try to allay EMU fears

Bank calls on reserves to back pound

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England is braced to deploy its accumulated $44 billion of foreign currency reserves to stave off any fresh assault on the pound and avoid the government being forced to raise interest rates to defend sterling.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in Brussels for a meeting of European Community finance ministers, is expected to try to allay fears of a Maastricht summit breakdown over monetary union that could undermine the existing European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

The meeting of finance ministers, which began yesterday, is to prepare for next month's intergovermental conference. But the near-panic conditions on the foreign exchange markets on Friday have made restoring calm over currencies a priority.

The Treasury sought to play down the importance of the pound's tumble. A spokesman said last week's decline in the pound reflected a "sharp movement worldwide" rather than anything specific to the pound. Despite intervention to brake the slide, sterling closed 2 pfennigs weaker in London at DM2.8525, dropping to about DM2.84 by the New York close. Its floor against the mark is DM2.78. The Treasury said the sharp movements created difficulties for currencies in the narrow, 2.25 per cent fluctuation bands of the ERM. Despite a half point increase in French interest rates, France had to support the franc. The government fears small rises in rates could be equally ineffective in supporting sterling.

Britain remains on the broad, 6 per cent bands. To underscore its view that the pound was the victim of a mark-dollar battle, the Treasury noted that the pound had risen 3 cents against the dollar in ten days and had firmed against the yen.

Mr Lamont, who has claimed a strong pound as as one of the government's successes, reaffirmed last week that he will do "whatever necessary" to maintain sterling within the ERM. The Bank of England only used an estimated $250 million on intervention last week. Intervention appeared half-hearted on Friday, prompting accusations of official comlacency.

Under ERM rules, the British authorities are obliged to buy the pound as soon as the currency reaches its lower limit, or effective floor, against the strongest ERM member, a position long held by the Spanish peseta.

In the absence of central bank support, the peseta also weakened against the mark, allowing the pound's effective floor to drop. Given the relatively small sterling-peseta market, currency analysts believe successful intervention to hold the pound above its effective floor should be neither difficult or costly. Spain's reserves would also be employed to restore sterling, although, oddly, the obligation to intervene is only binding between 8am and 3pm GMT.

Central banks of ERM members are in daily telephone contact to co-ordinate foreign exchange policy. The combined reserves of all member states could ultimately be marshalled in defence of the system. Any immediate shortage a central bank might have of an intervention currency can be met through a special short-term finance facility.

Although the pound shared the decline of other "soft" currencies, as investors switched from the dollar to the mark last week, internal fighting over Europe within the Conservative party and the patchy evidence of economic recovery are likely to prevent any significant sterling rebound.

German inflation figures, out this week, could show a slight acceleration in November, which would reinforce market belief that the Bundesbank might still raise its key rates.

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CBI sees only slow recovery

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S economy will improve only modestly before the general election, according to a new forecast published today by the Confederation of British Industry, which suggests recovery will not gain real momentum until the second half of next year.

The CBI is forecasting economic growth of 1.7 per cent for 1992, after a decline of 2 per cent this year, much more pessimistic than the Treasury's forecast of 2.25 per cent. The forecast relies heavily on evidence from the CBI's industrial trends survey.

While the CBI says today that growth appears to be resuming in the economy, its economists are at pains to stress the modesty of that growth. Some secors are still not experiencing any economic improvement, the CBI admits, and the recovery is only likely to move in earnest next year — and then mainly in the second half.

The upturn next year is likely to stem from stronger export growth, a recovery in oil production, a slower run-down in stocks and a cautious increase in consumer spending. But the CBI warns that the economy could easily be damaged by the uncertain outlook in both the USA and Germany, and the risk that as unemployment rises to a peak of 2.75 million next autumn, consumers will not feel confident enough to spend.

The CBI forecasts a 1.7 per cent growth in consumer spending, against the Treasury's of 2.5 per cent, and a further fall of 2.6 per cent in investment, against the Treasury's 1.25 per cent rise. The forecast is also less optimistic on trade, predicting a 4.9 per cent rise in exports next year, less than the rise in imports.

The latest CBI monthly trends enquiry shows that companies believe production will remain broadly stable over the next four months, with a 1 per cent more expecting an increase in output than a decline. Domestic and export orders are better than they were, but still declining, with at 51 per cent and 23 per cent more seeing a fall than a rise respectively. Stocks of finished goods have declined to their lowest level for a year, but are still substantially more than is needed to meet expected demand.

☐ Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest Bank, said the economy was only sending "intermittent" signals to suggest recovery may be underway, or is about to begin. Speaking on Channel 4 televison, he said his bank, which is the nation's biggest lender to small businesses, did "not yet see any strong signs of recovery". Lord Alexander said there was no doubt that across the economy as a whole people were being more cautious. "They are less confident. They are reluctant to spend and keener to save," he said. This was inevitably delaying recovery and "until peoples' confidence returns, we will not get any strong signs of recovery".



Alexander: few signs



Mining for a stake in the industry: Roy Lynk, president of the UDM

UDM to put plans for coal privatisation to Wakeham

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers are to put detailed plans to the government for a buyout of all or part of a privatised coal industry, which will include the union holding seats on the board of a private coal company.

Plans drawn up by the UDM, together with Lloyds Merchant Bank, for a possible bid by the Coalmining Consortium, the group the union and the bank are together sponsoring, are now well advanced and will be put to John Wakeham, the energy secretary, next week.

The consortium has held preliminary talks with several potential investors and with NM Rothschild, the government's adviser, which will help carry out the privatisation of the industry if the Conservatives are re-elected.

Roy Lynk, UDM president, stressed that the union was opposed to the government's plans to privatise the coal industry, but said that if privatisation were to happen, the union would seek the best possible arrangements for coal employees — not just its own members: "We are not going to have people buying our industry and taking decisions threatening our future. We want to have a say in our own future."

Lloyds and the UDM are likely to ask the government to make over to the industry's employees 10 per cent of the equity in a private company as a form of loyalty bonus, and would then set aside a further 15 per cent for an employee share ownership plan, to allow them to buy shares on a preferential basis.

UDM leaders believe that an employee holding of 25 per cent would give it a number of seats on the board of a private coal company. Mr Lynk insisted that being on the board would not affect the UDM's role in the industry as a trade union.

The consortium, which would seek investment from financial institutions, possible commercial partners and the banks, would hope to buy all or part of a privatised British Coal with an as-yet undetermined but low bid, using other money to finance employee loans, acquisition costs and on-going business costs. The consortium hopes to have in place by this time next year full funding, a management team and operational and supervisory boards.

Consortium leaders are insisting that an employee-led bid would only be made if British Coal was a worthwhile financial prospect.

Maxwell sons meet bankers today

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE sons of the late Robert Maxwell face their toughest challenge since their father's death when they meet today with bankers owed £800 million.

Kevin and Ian Maxwell are keen on a debt moratorium, as is National Westminster, the main lender, to give them time to unravel some of the confusion surrounding the business affairs of the Maxwell companies. But some of the other banks are considering the appointment of administrative receivers.

Kevin Maxwell is reported to have told Swiss Bank Corporation, whose decision to call in an outstanding £55 million loan started the chain of events that brought the Maxwell empire to the point of collapse, that his father had sold shares pledged to the bank as collateral for the loan. Swiss Bank is known to want an early exit from the situation, and the other banks are likely to press for asset sales to raise cash.

For his part, Mr Maxwell will reveal the state of the finances of the various interests controlled by his family and how he proposes to service the debt. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, has drawn up a detailed report which will be presented to the banks.

Mr Maxwell is considering selling Maxwell Communication Corporation, the main Maxwell quoted vehicle, and raising fresh funds by means of a £250 million bond convertible into Mirror Group Newspapers, the other quoted company.

The Maxwells are keen to maintain their control of MGN. But the banks regard their 51 per cent shareholding as the most easily saleable asset. The Maxwells are also likely to come under pressure to sell or close the loss-making newspapers *The European* and the New York *Daily News*.

Mr Maxwell is thought to be looking for a partner to help stem some of the losses at *The European*. He is also seeking the appointment of a merchant bank, with NM Rothschild seen as favourite.

Whitehall denied subscriber names for marketing

BT hangs up on Treasury call

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE goverment's near-£6 billion sale of part of its BT share holding is causing a degree of friction between government departments and the company.

BT refused to allow the government access to its register of 20 million telephone subscribers and potential shareholders ahead of the marketing campaign. The Treasury and its advisers, who are privately furious at what they see as a lacklustre and diffident approach by BT to the sale, were forced to rely on out of date electoral records rather than BT's own lists, which would have provided the perfect marketing tool for the shares sale.

BT refused to comment on the marketing of its shares, referring all callers to the government's own advisers. "I'm not permitted even to talk to you about that," said a BT spokesman. Customer records have been used in previous privatisations to provide a reliable list of potential shareholders, most recently in the sale of the 12 regional electricity companies a year ago.

BT is understood to have raised numerous legal obstacles when its records were requested earlier this year, particularly relating to the Financial Services Act and the Data Protection Act. The company deemed it "inappropriate" to use the available records, but one insider said: "If they had wanted to get around it, they would have done."

BT upset the stock market with some depressing interim figures at the start of this month, leading independent analysts to cut this year's profits estimates from £3.35 billion to around £3.2 billion. Several market-watchers have even accused BT of understating those figures in an attempt to defuse criticism over its high profits.

BT's lack of warmth to the impending share sale is thought to stem from two causes. The company is not looking forward to the logistical difficulties of having to service millions more shareholders in coming months. Several of the regional electricity companies made complaints to that effect earlier this year after the stampede for their shares.

BT is also not keen to see its share price pushed ahead to unsustainable levels by the publicity surrounding the share sale at a time when the company expects profits to come under increasing pressure from the recession and the regulatory authorities.

Making his own contribution to the debate, and in terms apparently unhelpful to those trying to market the shares, is Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, who has chosen today to spotlight the increasing competition BT faces in its core markets. Mr Lilley is enthusing that he has received 16 applications for new telecoms licences and knew of nearly 30 other companies considering such a move. "Further proof of the government's success in encouraging more competition in the telecoms market," he said.

"The rest of the decade will be a decade of more competition, more and better products and services, keener prices and higher expectations from telecoms users," he added.

While good news, presumably, for consumers, this is unlikely to be regarded as a bull point for City analysts pondering the prospects of the sale.

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Foreigners invited to buy state concerns

Vietnam marches rapidly down the privatisation trail

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Vietnamese government is expected to announce today the sale of the nation's state-owned economy to the private sector and the full opening up of the privatisation programme to foreign investors, putting the once hardline communist state officially on the capitalist map.

The announcement comes five years after Hanoi began the gradual introduction of market forces into its state-controlled economy under reform policies known as "doi moi" — Vietnam's equivalent of perestroika. Today's move more immediately follows clear indications from America that normalisation of bilateral diplomatic relations and the lifting of the 16-year trade embargo may be in sight.

About 400 of Vietnam's 700 public sector companies will be sold to private investors over the first few years. These include resource related heavy industries, manufacturing, textiles, utilities and agricultural companies.

Credit Lyonnais Securities (Asia), adviser to the Vietnamese government on the privatisation programme, will announce the launch of a $50 million "Vietnam growth fund", the first foreign investment vehicle authorised to invest directly in Vietnamese companies. The 25-year, closed end fund will be listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange and aimed at institutional investors. Considerable interest is expected from Europe, Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Credit Lyonnais has been appointed to advise the government on the development of a Vietnamese stock market, to be based in Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City. American institutions, hampered by the trade embargo against Vietnam, will be prohibited from investing in the privatisation. Fearful of being beaten to the bargains by the Japanese, Taiwanese and Hong Kong Chinese, they are hoping for a rapid normalisation of bilateral relations.

They may be lucky. Speaking to the Asia Society on November 13, President Bush confirmed a shift in American policy towards Indo-China. "We envision normal relations with Vietnam as the logical conclusion to a step by step process that begins by resolving the problems in Cambodia."

Following the Cambodian peace agreement signed in Paris in October, an American ambassador was installed in Cambodia last week and America and Vietnam agreed to set up a working group on normalisation of relations.

The Americans have already missed out on substantial opportunities in developing the infrastructure — the business having been snapped up by the Taiwanese, Japanese, Hong Kong Chinese and now businessmen from Singapore which broke ranks with America this month on the trade embargo, renewing direct trade links with Hanoi.

The Japanese, despite an official government policy of standing shoulder to shoulder with the Americans on the trade embargo, have quietly become Vietnam's second ranking trading partner after the Soviet Union. Japanese-Vietnamese trade is expected to reach US$1 billion this year. Over 60 per cent of foreign visitors to Vietnam this year have been Japanese, and of them 85 per cent were businessmen.

Japan's labour-intensive manufacturing companies have gradually shifted their operations to low-cost labour pools in southeast Asia. Vietnam's population of 66 million is the second largest in southeast Asia and its 35 million labour force is increasing by 1 million every year. The high literacy rate of 87 per cent and the low average monthly wages of $50 have already proved an incentive for Japanese direct investments. Vietnam should soon become the new, low-cost, light manufacturing and assembly base of Asia.

Minister sees UK job role in S Africa

BY JON ASHWORTH

SOUTH Africa needs to create 1,000 jobs a day and Britain can help, according to Tim Sainsbury, minister for trade, who has made the first visit to SA by a British trade minister in 21 years.

However, nothing is going to happen overnight, and there is a danger that the black population may expect too much, too soon.

A great deal has changed since Mr Sainsbury made a private visit to South Africa in 1977. "Fourteen years ago, when I left, I was deeply depressed. It was just after Steve Biko had been killed, and I really thought the Afrikaners were in their laager."

Mr Sainsbury gave a warning that foreign investment is not a tap that can be turned on overnight. "The message was: 'we need inward investment, we need your help.' But of course I was saying, look, it takes two years at the minimum to plan, to implement, to start producing jobs at the other end of an investment decision. They have maybe 6 million unemployed now and 1,000 new people a day coming on to the job market."

He is is concerned that South Africans of all races expect an instant improvements. "There is a real problem about the exaggerated expectations of how quickly economic benefits can come through. We've seen it in central Europe. You get the political change really amazingly quickly, but to get the economic change takes longer."

"There's a worry, even amongst black leaders, that the population thinks somehow that the moment a new government takes power suddenly there will be jobs for everybody, and electricity for the 20-odd million black South Africans who have not got it."

Mr Sainsbury said Britain was prepared to re-apply sanctions "almost instantly" if the South African government showed signs of wavering in its commitment to political reform.

He said: "Given the potential for human and natural resources, we could see this economy growing at 5 or 6 per cent per year in ten years, and that's what it needs to do, because only when it does that is it going to produce jobs, produce the wealth that is needed.

"It takes 15 years for someone to become a mine manager, but I was very encouraged by all those I spoke to in government and industry about the need for black economic advancement and by how much has already been done."

☐ The Confederation of British Industry has called off its one-day South Africa conference, planned for Thursday. Several delegates were unable to attend.

Biscuits baked with eastern promise



Sweet success: Bob Clarke tastes new markets

Gillian Bowditch reports on UB's attempt to extend its operation into new territory

IF Bob Clarke, chairman of United Biscuits, is to be believed, the biggest problem in his Chinese factory is preventing the workers from taking the misshapen biscuits from the reject bins and putting them back on the conveyor.

"They cannot understand why we reject something which is perfectly wholesome to eat," says Mr Clarke, who has been pleasantly surprised at how successful UB's venture in Guangzhou Province has been. "The Chinese government has honoured all its promises to us and the factory was built to the correct specifications on time."

UB, which owns the KP, McVitie's, Terry's and Ross Young labels as well as Keebler in America, has large shares of the biscuits and snacks markets in the UK and is rapidly making inroads on the Continent. In its attempt to expand, the group is looking to territories previously unfamiliar to western businesses.

In addition to the Chinese factory, there is a UB plant in Hungary and the group is looking at other opportunities in eastern and central Europe, including the Ukraine.

Mr Clarke puts much of the success of the ventures down to the fact that UB has involved the whole of the local community in them. In Hungary, UB owns 84 per cent of Győri Keksz, Hungary's largest biscuit group, which has sales of £20 million a year and 50 per cent of the Hungarian biscuit market. The remaining stake is held by the local Győr town council which has smoothed UB's path.

Mr Clarke says: "We were lucky with Győri Keksz: it had good management who had safeguarded the business throughout the years of communism. Originally it had Jewish owners who sadly disappeared during the war. But the management had persuaded the Hungarian government to give it the hard currency needed to invest in western technology and the factory had German and Austrian biscuit-making equipment in it when we bought it."

Even so, when UB moved in, in April, much of the plant had to be replaced. The other main problem was overmanning. The factory employed 1,700 people and redundancies on a large scale were inevitable.

UB's problem was how to bring western techniques and skills to the Hungarian factory without alienating the workers or the council. Mr Clarke says: "The important thing is to level with the people about what westernisation means. You have to tell them at the beginning that the head count will be reduced."

UB's answer to the redundancy problem was to set up an enterprise agency in the town, the first in Hungary. The aim is to give the 250 people made redundant the money and training needed to set up small businesses, and also to run courses in marketing and quality control.

"The agency will have to get people used to the idea of making a profit. In the past they just produced the stuff. It was someone else's job to take it away and get rid of it. Making a return on investment was an unknown idea," Mr Clarke says.

An office has now been set up in the centre of Győr and is staffed by Hungarians. UB has invested £20,000 so far and the European Community, which has backed the project, has invested more then £20,000. Both UB and the EC expect to put further funds into the agency as it develops. UB says 1 per cent of the profit from the Győri Keksz factory will be ploughed back into the community.

The Hungarian factory makes American-style waffles, about 10 per cent of which are exported. Eventually, the Hungarian factory will make a range of sweet biscuits. Manufacturing snacks has not been ruled out as UB has the option to expand the factory site. Mr Clarke hopes the Hungarian experience can be used as a model for the group's diversification into other former communist countries.

UB's Chinese factory is also a joint venture with the local community. Built on land reclaimed from the sea, it is 90 per cent owned by UB and 10 per cent by the community. Local people are encouraged to become involved with and visit the factory. Half of the crackers made in the factory are exported to Hong Kong.

UB is expected to announce further deals in central Europe soon and is beginning to turn its attention to the USSR where there is the possibility of investing in a Ukrainian biscuit factory. Mr Clarke is cautious about investing in the USSR but is aware of its potential. "An underdeveloped market of 230 million people has to be a real opportunity."

Our Price looks to big stores

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

W H SMITH, the retail group, is venturing into megastore territory. Its Our Price chain is opening a big store in Newcastle on Friday, its second in the UK, and plans three more before Christmas.

The stores, 5,000 sq ft plus, are a change of policy for the group, which acquired a string of small stores from Virgin for £25 million in 1988. At the time, W H Smith said it would not pursue Virgin's megastore route but would concentrate on shops of 1,200 to 1,500 sq ft.

Since then W Smith has agreed to buy 50 per cent of Virgin Megastore in the UK and Ireland. The Newcastle Our Price store, 11,000 sq ft over two floors, will be in direct competition with Virgin's Newcastle Megastore.

Tony Bennet, Our Price's marketing and buying director, says plans for the Newcastle store were in progress before the deal with Virgin was announced. But he admits that if the deal, awaiting approval from the Office of Fair Trading, goes through, W Smith could be competing against itself in Newcastle. The city is, however, big enough for a number of music stores, Mr Bennet added.

W Smith had made the change as customers wanted bigger ranges and more space to browse, he said.

Our Price plans more megastores at Watford, in Hertfordshire, Bromley, in Kent, and Leicester.

Lloyd's chief calls for fund to meet names' excess loss

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

DAVID Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's of London insurance market, has put his weight behind proposals to establish a central pool of funds that would be used to meet excessive losses made by Lloyd's names on individual syndicates.

Mr Coleridge said such a measure of "mutualisation" could cope with episodes like the huge losses incurred on American long-tail liability contracts and still preserve unlimited liability as the basis of Lloyd's operations.

Speaking on the BBC's *Money Programme* last night, Mr Coleridge said he expected Lloyd's task force on reforms to recommend an excess loss fund. Such a fund, however, would almost certainly not be enough to meet the losses all over the market at the moment due to the general state of insurance.

The fund would have to built up by a levy on all members, presumably on a annual basis, and set aside purely to meet excess losses. A survey carried out for Lloyd's and the BBC by Market & Opinion Research International (Mori) showed that 62 per cent of the 459 names questioned would not be willing to contribute to a central fund to bale out names in syndicates other than their own. Of those polled, however, 58 per cent wanted Lloyd's to abandon limited liability.



Coleridge: central pool

Mr Coleridge said: "Unlimited liability has been unique in Lloyd's. It has been the cornerstone of our business for a very, very long time and my personal view is that it is unlikely to disappear."

The Mori poll also found that a tenth of the names interviewed were likely to resign over the next two years and three out of five would consider resigning unless Lloyd's returned to profit in its 1992 year, for which final results will be reported in 1994.

A majority of names questioned said they regarded underwriters' competence as an important problem. Alan Lord, chief executive of Lloyd's, said Lloyd's was working on this problem and would further raise the educational and professional requirements for underwriters.

Attack on power giants

BY MARTIN WALLER

NATIONAL Power and PowerGen, the two electricity generators, have forced up the price of power by closing down viable plant, the large industrial consumers have complained.

The Major Energy Users' Council again attacked the generators over the weekend with a call for an enquiry by the Office of Electricity Regulation into whether some power plant has been withdrawn when it could still be producing energy at competitive rates.

Peter Rost, Conservative MP for Erewash and spokesman for the council, said yesterday that plant "has been deliberately closed down somewhat prematurely before the new gas turbine capacity comes on stream to create an artificial shortage".

The council, which speaks for about 60 per cent of British energy users, claims this has pushed up pool prices.

In a reply to earlier criticism, National Power said at the weekend that rises in the pool price from last year's low levels were not enough to recover the cost of introducing new plant into the system. The council says it accepts that pool prices last year may have been below the cost of some supply. But it argues: "There can be no meaningful competitive market unless all plant able to compete is made available."

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Regional tax breaks urged

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESSES in Britain's depressed regions should be given tax breaks, while taxes are increased for firms in better off areas, according to a pamphlet by a Labour party lobby group.

Professor Jim Taylor argues, in the Fabian Society pamphlet, *Reviving the Regions*, that Britain's regions must enhance their competitiveness for the single European market. He urges a reduction in firms' national insurance payments in areas of high unemployment and raise them where unemployment is low. He also calls for the uniform business rate to be varied regionally.

Professor Taylor, of Lancaster University, proposes that regional spending should be restored to the levels of the early Eighties, which would require a doubling to £1.5 billion in current terms. Central government would have to divert funds away from costly projects, such as widening the M25, he says.

Directors average 8% increase in salary

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PAY rises for a cross-section of Britain's company directors averaged 8 per cent in the year to September, in line with increases in average earnings, according to this year's Directors' Rewards survey.

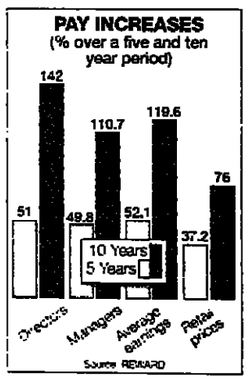
The study, conducted among 6,612 members of the Institute of Directors in large and small businesses, is in stark contrast to many individual cases of directors of leading companies, whose salaries failed to follow the general downturn in pay awards.

During the spring and summer, company directors faced a barrage of criticism for accepting "excessive" increases. However, the Directors' Rewards survey suggests that high profile rises for chairmen and chief executives of newly privatised companies were not typical.

Bill Couldrey, managing director of the Reward group, which conducted the study, said earlier results from other researchers were probably distorted by bonus payments for performance last year.

The average director's salary is now £44,000, including bonuses, he said. In addition, a typical executive director receives a two-litre car, free petrol for private use, 25 days holiday, private health benefits and pension contributions. In the coming 12 months, Mr Couldrey found, directors expected pay rises averaging 6 per cent.

The Institute of Directors has been stung by attacks on insensitive pay rises for Britain's bosses. Blenyth Jenkins, the IOD's corporate affairs director, seized on the survey results to hit back. "This survey shows that the vast majority of British directors do not earn excessive salaries, nor receive extravagant increases," he said. "With the difficult economic conditions affecting many businesses, directors have shown the same restraint when determining their own pay levels and rises as they have sought of their employees."



However, bad publicity over top pay has also prompted the IOD, a leading business organisation, to lay down guidelines for members on pay rises.

In his commentary on the survey, Mr Jenkins writes: "It is almost impossible to justify large pay increases if the performance of the company has gone down."

Mr Jenkins called on shareholders to challenge company boards if they were not satisfied that the system for determining executive pay was working properly. "We are in favour of greater openness regarding salaries and would support the publication of the salaries of all directors in companies' reports and accounts," he said.

The IOD also suggests companies should explain any unusual pay increases in their accounts, and criticises large "golden handshakes" for executives who leave after their company turns in a poor performance.

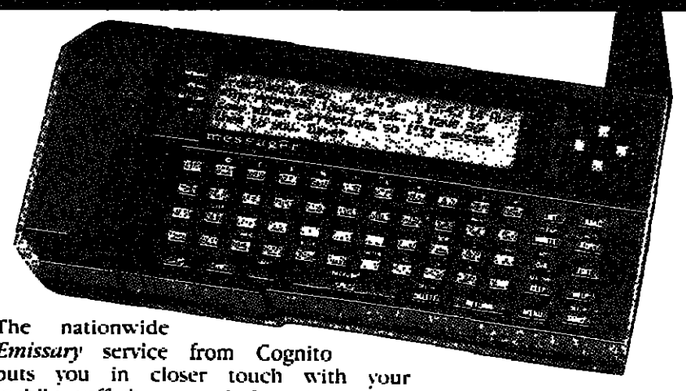
An analysis of long-term pay trends detailed in the Directors' Rewards survey reveals fundamental shifts in the relative pay of directors, managers and shopfloor workers.

During the early Eighties, directors substantially increased their pay relative to other groups, but managers lost ground in relation to both directors and manual workers. Since 1986, the revised patterns have been broadly maintained, although pay rises for all groups easily outstripped inflation.

However, Mr Couldrey said manual earnings had been bolstered by overtime payments during the past five years. The recession may lead to a fall in the relative level of manual earnings. That would restore the position of managers relative to shopfloor workers, but leave both groups trailing directors by a wider margin than existed ten years ago.

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COMMENT

Selling German cast-offs

The German Treuhand privatisation agency will go on the offensive in Britain tomorrow, launching a campaign to attract British investors into eastern Germany. This will not be an easy task. So far, British firms have invested money in only 90 out of about 4,000 privatisations, not exactly an enviable record, although better than once thought likely. Another 6,000 companies are left to be privatised if they are not to be closed. British investors do not appear to be queuing up for them.

A strong impression has spread outside Germany that western German companies have already picked the plums. Ministers in Bonn and Berlin have frequently exhorted the rest of western Europe to invest, but big companies anxious to gain a worthwhile foothold in the expanded German market via the east have frequently found themselves frozen out or restricted to insulting nominal participation. Somehow, the big German combines, some of which have staff seconded to key positions in the Treuhand, have nipped in to keep out the foreigners and protect and enhance their market positions. Some might feel any subsequent foreign marketing drive is a cynical ploy aimed purely at disposing of companies past their sell-by date. Only detailed examination of what is on offer will confirm or confound that conspiracy theory. What should cause concern, however, is that the German authorities allowed such perceptions to arise in the first place.

Few institutions have been subjected to so much contempt and anger from so many different sides as the Treuhand. The closest British precedent is probably the invective heaped on the Independent Television Commission over the inconsistency of its decisions in the television licence auctions. The Treuhand has displayed this sort of inconsistency on an economy-wide scale. In some cases, the highest bidder wins; in others, the investor who guarantees maximum job preservation. Sometimes it is neither and in most cases nobody understands how these decisions are made. In the meantime, the former state companies linger on amid all this uncertainty, with their staff and management not knowing what the future will hold or whether there is any point to their reforming efforts.

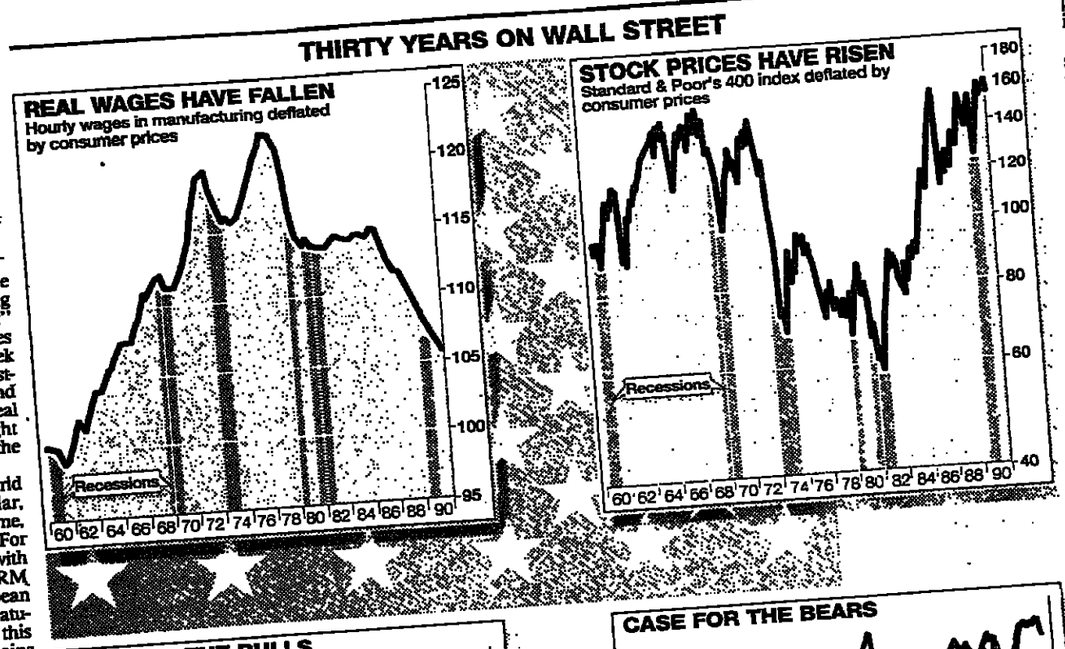
The Treuhand generates more losers than winners, suggesting that this model for privatisation is fatally flawed: a form of centrally managed receivership operated by a public quango, run by an authoritarian central committee. Like most aspects of German monetary union, the decision to set up the Treuhand was taken on the run, with little debate about possible alternatives, as there has been in Czechoslovakia or Poland. Both these countries have chosen a combination of privatisation methods. Such a system would have been appropriate in Germany. It would have allowed eastern Germans to participate, through shares or other entitlements, in the privatisation of what are, after all, their companies, rather than be cast in the role of inactive and humiliated bystanders. Most companies might still have ended up being sold to outside bidders, but the means of achieving that often sensible end would have been more positive, and therefore politically more astute.

Sceptical British and foreign investors might, however, still find it worthwhile to sift through what the Treuhand has on offer. Subsidies are massive, and the financial risks are therefore small, though anyone who thinks of eastern Germany as a low-cost production zone is heading for trouble. Eastern and western German wages are to converge over time and wages in eastern Germany will soon be higher than in Britain. The Treuhand will, partly as a result, find it even tougher to privatise the next 4,000 companies than the first batch, so the rest of eastern Germany's business should at least be a buyer's market.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Wall Street holds real clues to troubles besieging currencies

Anatole Kaletsky says investors, including the Americans, are losing faith in the dollar



The true causes of the collapse of sterling and other "soft" European currencies against the mark last week were to be found not in Westminster but in Frankfurt and New York. Last week's real economic story was the flight out of the dollar into the mark.

Investors round the world are losing faith in the dollar, including, for the first time, Americans themselves. For roving American funds, with little experience of the ERM and distrustful of European politics, Germany is the natural first port of call and this phenomenon alone explains most of the recent weakness of sterling and other European currencies against the mark.

The key question is whether the flight out of the dollar will continue in the immediate future or whether last week's 4 per cent fall marked a selling climax, at least for the time being. To a large extent, the answer depends on American stock prices. The Wall Street mini-crash of November 15 was clearly the proximate cause of the dollar's plunge last week. If Wall Street keeps falling, the dollar will probably follow, just as it did in 1987. If Wall Street stabilises, the dollar-mark rate could do so as well, at least until the end of the year. This would give the European currencies a chance to settle down again before Maastricht and almost certainly avert the politico-economic crisis of an ERM realignment after the summit.

But what if Wall Street were to suffer another Black Monday? With the dollar weak and America and Britain still teetering on the edge of recession, the world might be in for a period of financial and political instability on a scale not seen since the mid-Seventies. This column is not usually in the business of making stock market predictions, since stock market behaviour depends more on psychology than on economic fundamentals, except in the very long term. But in the present circumstances, economic policy is so dependent on Wall Street that it is tempting to take a stab at psychoanalysing the stock market. Hence the unusual subject-matter in the charts. These give both a long-term perspective on Wall Street's present level and a clue to the psychological factors that will determine when and if another crash occurs.

The message, for what it is worth, is reassuring about the immediate prospects, although disconcerting on a longer-term view. The top chart shows that Wall Street is still extremely expensive. Stock prices are as high, even in real terms, as they have been at any time in the past 30 years. The second chart, illustrating the decline in American real wages since the mid-Seventies, suggests that high equity valuations have not reflected the American economy's real performance, and also demonstrates in the clearest possible way the fundamental reasons for the country's present political malaise: for a generation American workers have been getting steadily worse off.

However, the second row of charts is more encouraging. The first of these shows that the true historical analogue for last week's sudden setback on Wall Street was not the period leading up to the crash of October 19, 1987, or even the mini-crash of October 13, 1989. Rather it was the series of sharp sell-offs in the autumn of 1986. This was the period when the term "triple witching-hour" was first invented to remind Wall Street of the destabilising effects of futures and options expirations, like the one that occurred two Fridays ago. If the resemblance between the chart patterns of 1986 and 1991 were to continue into the future, a powerful surge in prices could be in store, just as it was in the first half of 1987.

From a fundamental perspective, this prediction would seem quite reasonable if the economic recovery generally forecast for America in 1992 actually happened. Just as in 1987, when growth was accelerating rapidly, a sharp rise in the stock market could then precede this period of rapid growth. But just as in 1986-7, the dangers of a much bigger crash would not be permanently laid to rest if the market pulled out of its present difficult period.

On the contrary, by mid-1992 a massive fall in the market would be well overdue. As the last chart shows, the stock market's performance during the long economic expansion that began in 1982 bore an uncanny technical resemblance to the pattern in the only previous economic expansion of comparable length — the "golden age" of equities in the Sixties. Both bull markets followed a very similar five wave sequence, punctuated by very sharp setbacks in 1987 and 1966. But in the final phases, the two bull markets parted company. In the late Sixties, the stock market fell 36 per cent ahead of the 1970 recession and took 20 years to recover its value in real terms. But Wall Street's fall in the 1990-1 recession was much more muted and was followed by an immediate recovery last spring. In fact, Wall Street hardly reacted at all to the prospects of an American recession, preferring to follow the military developments in the Gulf conflict instead.

In other words, American equity prices have not remotely adjusted to the end of the golden era of the Eighties. If last week's events were the start of such an adjustment, the outlook is grim for financial markets, and politicians, worldwide. But the American economy may yet show some signs of recovery in the weeks ahead. Provided it does, Wall Street will probably suspend disbelief until next year.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hague joins Doctus team

SIR Douglas Hague, Mrs Thatcher's economic adviser in the run-up to the 1979 general election, today joins the board of Doctus Consulting Europe, the management consultancy, as non-executive chairman. Or does he? Sir Douglas, who sits on the board of CRT, the consultancy, recruitment and training group, is not sure whether to believe what he reads in the newspapers. He was on holiday in Germany when CRT purchased part of Doctus in August, and remained blissfully unaware that the deal had taken place. "I read in *The Times* that CRT had bought a bit of Doctus and thought it was a hoax," says Sir Douglas, an ardent supporter of Manchester United and old friend of Sir Roland Smith, the club chairman. Mrs Thatcher used to tease him about his support for the club in the days when Manchester United fans had a bad reputation. "On Fridays, she used to ask who I was fighting that weekend," he laughs.

Actors all

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is about to prove that banks do have a sense of humour — just. Officials have agreed to a send-up of its glitzy television advertising campaign in which various clerks enthuse about their work to strains of Vangelis. John East, chief executive of Guidehouse Securities, and Rupert Hambro, chairman of JO Hambro Magan, will add their bit on December 1 in *Funny Money*, an annual satirical revue in aid of charity. John Hyatt of TSB, popularly known as "the singing bank manager", has an Elvis impersonation up his sleeve, while David Kidd, a top City solicitor at Cameron Markby Hewitt, takes time off from the Polly Peck case to star in a spoof of *Blind Date*.

PEOPLE who suffer from stress pull their hair, ears and nose, grind their teeth and bite their lips, according to Legal & General's in-house magazine. Stress points to avoid include redundancy, financial hardship, loss of income, dismissal and loss of a valued role. All very timely. L&G has just cut more than 100 jobs.

Clampdown

BANKERS at J Rothschild are growing used to the antics of Oliver Letwin, a member of the corporate finance team for the past five years and prospective parliamentary candidate for Hampstead and Highgate. At 9.30am today, his Volvo estate is — or was, depending on when you read this — due to be clamped in a Hampstead street in protest at Camden council's decision to introduce residents' parking permits in the area. "I have gathered a petition from local shopkeepers who are are up in arms about it," says Letwin, aged 35, who served on the prime minister's policy unit before joining Rothschild and is running against Glenda Jackson for a seat in the House. Camden introduced the £75-a-head residents' scheme to deter commuters from leaving their cars there during the day.



Money talks

STOCKHOLM is the most expensive conference centre in Europe, and Oslo the cheapest. A three-day conference in the Swedish capital will cost £461 a head on average; way ahead of Oslo at £277 and Lisbon, the second cheapest at £309. London was the fourth most expensive after Stockholm, Paris and Berlin, with an average price of £356 per head. "It was interesting to see how competitive London was as a venue," says John Palmer, of SRS Hotels, which anonymously approached four-star hotels in nine cities for its survey. For those who are interested, the cost of a three-day conference in Stockholm for 50 people is likely to reach £23,000 . . . minus airfares.

Filling the gap

THE powers-that-be at Smith New Court are having a hard time replacing Mike Styles and Keith Sykes, the top-ranked electronics analysts who left in September and have since re-emerged at Crédit Lyonnais Laing. The firm has been talking to Patrick Wellington, of County NatWest, and Adam Quinton, of UBS Phillips & Drew, among others, but negotiations have broken down. In the meantime, SNC has resorted to advertising in the national press for "energetic, ambitious specialists" to fill the gap. UBS, meanwhile, has problems of its own. Nick Measham, highly respected telephone analyst, is resigning to join Brinson Partners, a Chicago fund management group. Measham, an old Oxonian, was known as "the scourge of Cable and Wireless" when at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

CRISIS! What crisis? The ERM currency grid published on Reuters Monitor yesterday had the pound second from top of the ERM, above the mark and not at the bottom where it ended last week. Had there been a sneak realignment? A decision to raise base rate? No, assured Reuters. The data were simply wrong.

Brand names

AFTER BTR's takeover of Hawker Siddeley, what will happen to that famous name of British engineering? BTR says it preserves names of companies, such as Dunlop, that it takes over. But most of Hawker's newer businesses have their own brands. If BTR's Alan Jackson does not need the name, he could do worse than sell it to British Aerospace, inheritor of Hawker's nationalised aircraft business, for the price of the pictures of old aeroplanes still adorning Hawker's nostalgic St James's HQ. After all, Hawker Siddeley did once make cars as well.

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SMALLER COMPANIES

Unlikely formula works for TT shares

TT GROUP is an acquisitive holding company with interests in engineering, characteristics that would appear unlikely to appeal to investors in a recession. Yet its share price has proved remarkably strong this year, rising from 90p in February to 182p, with a peak of 194p.

That is some achievement for a company known to harbour expansionary hopes and not averse to issuing paper to finance them. TT owns 38 per cent of Magnetic Materials after failing to gain full control with a bid that lapsed last July.

TT acquired Crystalate Holdings last year for £38.5 million in a hostile bid. The benefit of rationalising this supplier of electrical components was evident in interim profits up from £3 million before tax to £4.5 million and a 6.6 per cent increase in earnings per share.

Crystalate should drive profits ahead for at least two years, despite the recession. It is a leader in the British and American markets for resistors and is a leading supplier of components for control systems used to regulate air conditioning and fuel injection in cars.

Crystalate was the company's third major acquisition after United Packaging and Beatson Clark, two companies that were merged to constitute TT's packaging division. The group, formerly known as Tyzack Turner, also has a building products division, which is expected to hold trading profits at around £1.9 million this year. This includes Burgess Architectural Products, which makes 80 per cent of Tesco's requirements for metal ceiling tiles.

Last year, TT made pre-tax profits of £10.5 million, including a four-month contribution from Crystalate. Sara Wrigglesworth, an analyst at Panmure Gordon, expects £14.8 million pre-tax profit and 14.8p earning per share this year.

MARTIN BARROW

REPORTING THIS WEEK

No sparks from electricity groups

THE privatised electricity companies start their interim reporting season this week, but may have little to delight their new shareholders. Despite strong balance sheets and healthy increases in profits, modest dividend increases are likely as each company strives to avoid the attentions of the industry's regulator.

National Power, the generator whose pricing policies are already being reviewed by the Office of Electricity Supply, is expected to announce first-half pre-tax profits of between £190 million and £210 million tomorrow, compared with £171 million last time. However, the City will be pleasantly surprised if the interim dividend exceeds 3.1p, up from 2.75p.

Norweb, the regional electricity company, should deliver a jump in pre-tax profits from £5 million to £14 million. The interim dividend is likely to rise from 4.69p to about 5.2p.

Pre-tax profits of £12 million are expected from **London Electricity** on Wednesday, dwarfing last year's comparable £1.1 million, with an interim dividend of 5p (4.45p).

TODAY

Vodafone, the mobile telephone group demerged from Racal Electronics, should report pre-tax profits of about £130 million for the six months to the end of September, up from £122 million.

Although the 6 per cent advance is a healthy increase in current markets, it represents a marked but predictable slowdown from last time's rise of 63 per cent.

The number of new subscribers is falling, together with usage levels, a combination that has been aggravated by further increases in the number of subscribers opting to leave the network altogether.

Interim results from **Dawson International**, the textiles group, should show a decline from £17.3 million before tax to £15 million, although the dividend is expected to be held at 2.9p. Weak consumer demand and high raw material prices have put margins under pressure.

Interims: Allen, CSR, City of London PR Group, Dawson International, Hewetson, JLI Group, Merrydown Wine, National Grid, Vitroplant, Vodafone Group.
Finals: Govett Atlantic Investment Trust, Metro Radio Group, Millwall Holdings, Tunstall Group.



Showing resilience: Tate & Lyle's Neil Shaw

Economic statistics: CBI monthly trends enquiry (November); engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (September).

TOMORROW

A 5 per cent fall in the half-time figures at **Allied-Lyons**, where Michael Jackaman was recently appointed chairman, is likely to be attributed to difficult conditions at Hiram Walker because of lower demand for wines and spirits.

Pre-tax profits of about £270 million, down from £286 million, will benefit from a supply agreement with Greenall Whitley, which will disguise a decline in beer volumes of up to 7 per cent. Market interest will also focus on the recently announced beer merger with Carlsberg.

Despite a deterioration in conditions for food retailers, **Argyll** is expected to follow Sainsbury and Tesco with a strong rise in first-half earnings. The market is looking for taxable profits of about £174 million, up from £142.4 million.

Analysts believe that Argyll's Safeway chain experienced a decline in sales volumes in existing stores in September.

The shares in **Premier Consolidated Oilfields** underperformed after last year's disastrous placing of Burmah's 29.9 per cent stake in the company. Premier has made great progress operationally and is on target to report interim net income of £6.4 million, against £3.2 million.

Interims: Allied-Lyons, Amber Industrial Holdings, Argyll Group, Christie Group, Erskine House Group, Kewill Systems, Mamn Currie European Investment Trust, Monks Investment Trust, National Power, North American Gas Investment Trust, Northern Foods, Norweb, Premier Consolidated Oilfields, Seton Healthcare Group, Sketchley, Southnews, Walker & Staff Holdings.
Finals: Anglo Scandinavian Investment Trust, Concentric, Drayton Consolidated Trust, Fairline Boats, Young (H) Holdings.



Profit slip: Michael Jackaman, of Allied-Lyons

WEDNESDAY

Tate & Lyle, the sugar refiner that generates more than half of group profits in North America, will demonstrate its resilience in the recession with an increase of about 8 per cent for the full-year to £236 million before tax. Neil Shaw, the chairman and chief executive, will highlight a sparkling performance in Britain.

However, declining sugar prices in America and a lacklustre performance at Bundaberg, a recent acquisition in Australia, may sour the City's reaction to a 10 per cent increase in the dividend to 11p.

Profits at **Unigate**, the transport and dairy products group, are estimated to have fallen from £41.4 million to £39 million in the first half as further restructuring takes its toll. Buyers are being sought for large parts of the business, including the car rentals division, which continues to suffer from poor trading. A maintained dividend of 5.7p would reassure investors that progress has been achieved.

Kwik Save, the discount food retailer, should benefit from the flight away from branded products to cheaper goods. Full-year profits of between £98 million and £103 million are forecast, compared with £85.1 million.

North West Water has opted to diversify into engineering despite the sector's preference for waste management and acquisitions have taken place in Britain and America. Their contribution to full-year profits will be negligible, but analysts are still looking for an increase from £115 million before tax to £125 million, with a dividend of 6.6p, up from 6p.

Interims: BCE, Caffyns, Golden Hope Plantations, Hambros, London Electricity, Marston, Thompson & Evershed, Mid Kent Holdings, North West Water Group, Northumbrian Water Group, Unigate.
Finals: ABI Leisure Group, Apollo Metals, Capital Radio, Dunedin Worldwide Investment Trust, Kwik Save Group, Moran Holdings, Tate & Lyle.
Economic statistics: Building societies' monthly figures (October); new vehicle registrations (October).

THURSDAY

Disappointing interim figures are likely from **BPB**, the plasterboard manufacturer, reflecting low volumes in Britain. Some price increases have been achieved in continental Europe, but margins closer to home continue to suffer. A maintained dividend of 4p was forecast at the time of July's rights issue.

Royal Bank of Scotland issued a warning to shareholders three months ago that final profits would disappoint. Market forecasts range between £60 million and £90 million before tax, compared with £262 million, depending on the level of provisions against bad debts.

Profit forecasts for **Welsh Water** range between £74 million and £80 million for the first half, compared with £72.7 million last time, supporting an increased dividend of about 7.1p, up from 6.5p. **South West Water**, another privatised water company, should report profits little changed from £76.4 million, with a dividend of 7.2p, up from 6.7p.

Interims: AAH Holdings, Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, BPB Industries, Brockhampton Holdings, Brown & Tawse Group, Caledonia Investments, Castings, Compco Holdings, GEI International, Grampian Television, Johnson Matthey, Macdonald Martin Distilleries, NEC Corporation, Osborne & Little, South West Water, Tomorrows Leisure, V-Tech Holdings, Welsh Water.
Finals: GT Asia (Sterling) Fund, MEPC, Royal Bank of Scotland Group, Scottish Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: Energy trends (September).

FRIDAY

Wessex Water, which is investing heavily in its waste management side, should comfortably exceed last year's interim £34.9 million before tax, with profits as high as £41 million.

Interims: European Colour, Oceonics Group, Parma, Stoddard Sekers International, Wessex Water.
Finals: None announced.
Economic statistics: London sterling certificates of deposit (October); monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets); bill turnover statistics (October); sterling commercial paper (October).

MARTIN BARROW

Global car sales to fall 2.9%

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WORLD car sales are expected to fall this year by 2.9 per cent, their largest decline for a decade, according to a forecast for the motor industry, published today. Japanese cars, it also suggests, will account for 20 per cent of sales growth in Europe over the next five years.

The report, compiled by DRI/McGraw-Hill, says that while the car market in the UK is likely to recover next year, the peak reached in 1989 will not be touched again before the mid-Nineties.

World car demand, the forecast adds, will have fallen from 35.47 million sales in 1990 to 34.44 million this year, but will recover fully to 35.49 million in 1992 and rise to 40.32 million by 1996.

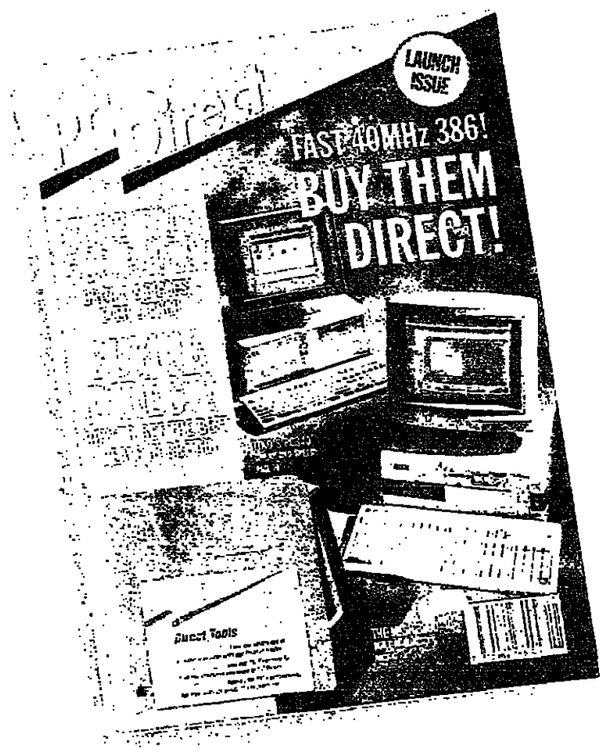
While the car market in western Europe is set to grow overall this year — largely boosted by a post-unification boom in the German market — DRI suggests it will fall next year, driven by contraction in Germany.

In the UK, DRI estimates that the severe recession has led to a 30 per cent fall in sales from the 1989 peak of 2.3 million to only 1.6 million, even worse than the fall in the early Eighties. But the forecast improvement in the economy next year looks set to drive a rise in car sales, pushing the total up from 1.6 million to 1.79 million — although this is still the second-lowest level since 1984. By 1993, the market is forecast to be above 2 million again, returning to 2.3 millionby 1996.

Japanese manufacturers will benefit from the expanding market demand in Europe, the survey suggests. Within the European Community, where the new car market should rise from 12.2 million in 1990 to 14 million by 1996, DRI expects the share of Japanese firms to rise from 10 to 11.9 per cent.

The forecast suggests that by 1996, Japanese production capacity in the Community is likely to be more than 700,000 units, with Nissan, Toyota and Honda producing significant numbers.

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Jewellers tagged worst performers

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

JEWELLERS have been the worst performing retail sector this year, according to Verdict, the market research group.

Its report on jewellery retailing comes at a time when Britain's largest jewellery business, Ratners, is suffering heavily from the effects of the recession.

Verdict says jewellers were the last retailers to go into the recession, with the decline in sales having started in the second half of last year, but the plunges in demand have more than made up for the delayed reaction.

The report says that as retailers enter the critical pre-Christmas trading period, most are hoping for the much vaunted, but so far invisible, consumer recovery. But with only five weeks of the trading year left, the sector's sales are down nearly 6 per cent on last year.

Verdict expects a modest last-minute improvement in demand but is forecasting thatjewellers' sales will end the year 4.7 per cent down on 1990, with the market value having dropped from £2.48 billion to £2.37 billion.

No company, says Verdict, exemplifies the dramatic shift in retailing's fortunes better than Ratners, headed by Gerald Ratner.

The report says: "The company has an unrivalled position capturing around 30 per cent of the market through its various facia. H Samuel is the leading chain in the country and generated average sales of £789,000 per store in 1990-1. In the current year Ratners has found itself in the unfamiliar position of experiencing falling sales and, despite stringent measures to control costs, 1991-2 results will be disappointing."



Ratner: hard-hit leader

While the recession has undoubtedly depressed jewellery sales, Verdict says the sector would have been unable to sustain its record of high growth in any case.

As for Ratners, the report says the question shareholders should ask themselves is "would the group be more successfully run by someone else?" It believes the answer is no and adds: "Ratners should emerge from this recession a stronger and sounder entity."

GILT-EDGED

Caught in sterling's slipstream

Last week, the gilt-edged market had a preview of what conditions may be like in the next six months — the prospect of a substantial supply of debt in an atmosphere of heightened uncertainty. Sterling's fall from grace served as a reminder that, from time to time, ERM membership will act as a drag on the bond market.

In the 12 months since the pound entered the ERM, the performance of gilts has been very favourable. Granted, the economic background has been beneficial, the recession bearing down on inflation and contributing towards the improvement in the trade balance.

As in the past, fixed income investors responded positively to these developments. But this time, the new currency regime has also played an important role in boosting confidence in the prospects for interest rates.

The government's adherence to a staunch "no devaluation" line on sterling, endorsed by the shadow chancellor, helped to establish a degree of policy credibility vital to attract a more sustained inflow of international funds to gilts. The strength of overseas interest has been such as to ensure the continued success of the authorities' gilt funding programme. More importantly, Britain has been able to benefit fully from the convergence of ERM yields towards those prevailing in the low inflation EC countries. Since the beginning of 1991, the yield difference between ten-year British and German bonds has fallen 80 basis points to about 1.65 per cent (at its best the difference was as low as 1.3 per cent).

This trend has been very favourable towards gilt performance but has reduced severely the market's protection from adverse developments on virtually all fronts. Consequently, the latest bout of sterling weakness was almost bound to shatter investor confidence. Lack of buying interest, domestic and more especially international, just before this week's £1.5 billion long-dated auction, presented perfect conditions for a consolidation of prices.

In the past 12 months sterling's depreciation to well below its central ERM rate has been cited as affording a good buying opportunity. The process of yield convergence, fuelled by a favourable economic performance and the assumption that the currency would recover, offered the prospect of capital gain.

This time, however, investors are likely to be more restrained — for two reasons. First: there has been a notable increase in uncertainty in the currency market. Fears over a post-Maastricht currency realignment have caught hold; this, more than the shock delivered by the rise in French interest rates, has served to drive a wedge between the so-called hard and soft currencies of the ERM.

Devaluation uncertainty has affected sterling worst and will continue to act as a depressing influence until the inter-government conference has passed. Even then, investor interest in bonds may be tempered by the second consideration. The process of yield convergence between Britain and the Continent may falter temporarily; it would be wrong to assume such trends proceed in an uninterrupted manner.

The market now requires a significant change in the background to restart the convergence process. This is unlikely to come from the performance of the economy where the favourable prospects are in very large part discounted.

The supply of government debt, on the other hand, remains a potential threat to stability unless overseas investors become more enthusiastic. This is where the key lies. Devaluation uncertainty will diminish after the Maastricht summit but will still be present while political uncertainty persists.

Uncertainty over policies that might be adopted in the event of a Labour election victory will trouble potential overseas investors, despite the apparent similarity of the parties' currency stance.

Understandably, there will be concerns about an administration that has been out of office for 13 years, even though in the context of ERM membership, a new government would be at pains to establish quickly a high degree of management credibility with the international community.

Without a resurgence of government popularity in the opinion polls and a significant advance in the German bond market, therefore, gilts' performance is likely to remain erratic and disappointing.

In view of the weakness of the economic recovery — the main factor the government is relying on to boost its standing with the electorate — the next sustainable stage to the rally may be some way off.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Rolfe & Nolan	Industrial	
2	Mang Bronze	Industrial	
3	Tiphook	Transport	
4	Swan (J)	Building,Rds	
5	Drack	Electrical	
6	Lamont	Textiles	
7	Fenner	Industrial	
8	Carlisle	Banks,Disc	
9	Shandwick	Paper,Print	
10	Mansfield	Breweries	
11	British Gas	Oils, Gas	
12	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
13	City Of Lon	Paper,Print	
14	HK Land	Property	
15	Sage Gp	Electrical	
16	Wyko	Industrial	
17	Bridgend Gp	Industrial	
18	Power Corp	Property	
19	Vosper Thorny	Industrial	
20	Liberty	Drapery,Sns	
21	Sidlaw	Industrial	
22	Salvesen (C)	Foods	
23	Scot & New	Breweries	
24	Porvair	Chems,Plas	
25	Trinity Intl	Newspaps,Pub.	
26	Halstead (J)	Chems,Plas	
27	Resort Hotels	Hotels,Cat	
28	Morris Ashby	Industrial	
29	SEP Indl	Industrial	
30	Amber Day	Drapery,Sns	
31	Petrocon	Oils, Gas	
32	Jardine Math	Industrial	
33	Cookson	Industrial	
34	Vickers	Industrial	
35	Thomm (GW)	Industrial	
36	Harrisn Cnstd	Industrial	
37	Trans World	Leisure	
38	Close Bros	Banks,Disc	
39	Wilkes (James)	Industrial	
40	TGH	Industrial	
41	Manders	Building,Rds	
42	Tex Hldgs	Industrial	
43	HTV Group	Leisure	
44	Wardle Storeys	Chems,Plas	

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Capitalisation, week's change

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3,589.40	Abbey Nt	274	-11	9.5	4.6	8.9
1,122.90	Alliance	1127	-1			12.3
65.30	Anabercher (H)	35	-1	1.5	5.7	
2,058.90	Ann New Z	202	+10			8.4
4,239.50	Bankamerica	1950 †	-196		7.2	23.9
599.40	Bk of Ireland	1903				
130.90	Bk Of Scotland	340		16.0	4.3	
2,184.80	Bk Leumi Ltd	1384	-3		5.8	24.5
1,342.00	Barclays	384	-16	21.1	7.3	25.4
6,121.00	Brit Invt	5				19.9
8.05	Brentcrest§	227	0	4.7		
36.80	Brown Shipley	18	+ 2			
4.13	Cadisc	368	+ 2	25.0	9.2	
87.20	Cater Allen	368	-9	3.8	7.5	13.4
74.40	Cattles	925	-31			
1,245.30	Chase Manh	593 †	-31			
2,039.60	Citicorp	270	+ 5	8.8	4.3	12.9
100.60	Close Bros	8650	+50		2.0	
2,225.60	Commercials	1230½	-30			2.6
9,824.90	Deutsche Bk	2980	-20	13.0		
71.70	Eliot Nts 7%	44	-2	20.5	10.2	
104.70	Exeter Nat	249	-5		6.6	
4,079.70	HSBC	231	-5	12.8		9.2
448.10	Hambros	260	-13	15.8	6.4	
17.30	Joseph (L)	320	-2	10.2	12.7	
17.10	King Shaxson	108 †	-13	16.0	7.1	
388.70	Kleinwort Ben	299	-24	15.5	5.4	16.3
4,748.00	Lloyds	379	-15	23.7	7.3	9.7
29.70	Lon Scot Bk	221	-16	9.0		
1,734.80	Midland	350	-7		6.9	9.6
4,260.50	Nat Aust Bk	1307	-10	17.5	7.6	
4,976.50	Nat West	430	-19	23.5	7.9	9.2
224.30	Provident	35	-2	0.5	6.6	13.9
13.70	Rea Bros	169		1.0	1.7	22.4
1,304.70	Ryl Bk Scot	1125	-18	14.0		9.7
565.10	Schroders	383	-21	20.0	5.2	33.7
897.70	Standard Chart	126	-4	6.4	5.8	
1,881.30	TSB	286	-7	35.0	12.2	8.7
46.70	Union Disc	268	-6	16.0	6.0	11.1
1,069.00	Wastmins SCS	178	-8		4.5	
78.30	-do-'A'	184			4.3	
1,695.50	Wstpc Pengo	3275	-237		6.1	7.6
2,403.30	Westpac	201	-13	9.3	4.9	
21.60	Wintrust	255				

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,281.70	Allied-Lyons	605	-5	18.8	4.1	13.4
1,116.20	Allsop	934	-34		5.8	12.5
171.90	Boddingtons	265		8.0	4.6	11.9
157.80	Bulmer (H.P.)	264	+ 2	8.3	4.5	10.4
22.30	Burnsall Nw	107 †		4.2	3.9	14.3
102.80	Burtonwood (A)	204		4.1		
16.50	Eldridge P'a'A	84			1.4	
1,769.40	Forest Brewery	1270	+ 5		6.1	17.2
84.60	Fstr Str Mnrs	338			10.4	
7.62	Gibbs Mew	288			20.0	14.3
8,443.60	Grand Met	638			5.2	12.0
450.70	Greenall Wht	355	+ 6		10.8	9.6
192.30	Greene King	509	-16	13.5		13.5
9,930.60	Guinness	1250				22.8
50.00	Hardy Hanson	185				17.9
4.65	Hawthorn	140				
6.93	-do-'A' LV	297			5.5	
370.50	Highland Dist	1250	+ 4		12.1	
77.90	Mansfield	495	+ 1		4.4	14.7
195.20	Marston Thmp	225			11.0	8.2
38.70	Matthew Clark	354				21.9
25.90	Morgan Crucible	399	+20		7.1	22.7
76.50	Morland	1010	-10			11.0
2,708.20	SA Breweries	1603	+ 6		15.0	11.0
1,622.70	Scot & Nwc	215	- 8		14.3	10.0
294.90	Vaux Group	442			16.3	30.4
1,900.20	Whitbread 'A'	1338				16.0
219.40	-do-'B'	1338				16.0
387.00	Wolverhmpton D	492	-10	13.0	3.8	
13.50	Young 'A'	465				

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
27.10	Abbey	70	-4			
1.20	Allenbuse	118	- 4			
26.30	Alpine	181	- 7	4.9	7.5	7.6
363.10	Amec	35			2.8	20.0
11.60	Anglia Scr	194	+	4.1	3.9	8.8
43.60	Ashtenne	115			8.6	21.9
297.20	Ashtons	157			5.0	14.0
780.20	BPB Ind	384	- 6	14.1	5.0	14.9
33.10	Baggeridge Brk	84		4.0	4.8	
2.93	Bailey (Geo) Con	61	- 3	4.0	4.7	
110.00	Barratt Dev	113		11.0	6.2	8.0
321.50	Bezier	236 †	+ 3			
87.90	Bellway	348				8.1
0.99	Bellwinch	281	- 3			7.3
171.00	Berkeley Gp	105		4.8	6.5	10.7
15.20	Bett Bros	98		1.6	4.7	12.7
25.00	Blockleys	225	-16	11.2	6.7	12.7
1,261.00	Blue Circle	688		25.0	6.2	10.2
37.10	Bovis (Hanson)	99	- 1	4.6	7.6	13.7
28.10	Bredero PLC	130		4.8	7.0	38.4
22.90	Br Dredging	91½	- 3½	3.4	7.3	
237.70	Byant	62	- 5		3.4	11.0
21.80	CALA	224	- 5			15.7
647.10	CRH	1		0.3	2.2	
3.06	Calebread Bby	51		0.5	6.3	6.9
2.51	Conder Grp	38	- 4		2.3	
3.70	Cooper Clarke	70	- 4		6.3	6.9
160.80	Costain	88	- 5			13.3
52.80	Cosworth	48	+ 1	7.6		
30.60	Crest Nicholson	58			8.6	
8.27	Crosby	47½				9.5
0.88	Dunmore	40	- ½	1.8	6.2	
20.20	Edmond Hdgs	120	+ 1	3.9	8.0	10.0
36.80	Epwin	85	- 4	0.2	5.4	8.0
30.00	Estm	228	- 5	5.6	11.3	11.4
11.50	Eve Group	39				
238.30	Everard Bardon	193				
12.50	Exclusive	3½				
15.80	Fitzpatrick Gp	90	- 2	4.3	6.7	12.6
5.85	Freeman Gp	85				13.1
69.50	Galliford	99		11.8	11.8	
1.55	Gibbs & Dandy	895		17.5	2.4	
89.50	Gleeson (M.J.)	42	- 9	3.0	7.3	12.6
1.65	Graham Wood	59		3.0	4.3	14.1
7.23	Hargreaves Ind	92		9.4	5.4	
166.90	Hawden-Smith	92	- 1			8.6
5.52	Hemerson	178			5.6	17.2
3.54	Hey & Croke	297	+ 7	20.0	9.5	17.5
200.70	Heywd Wms	137	- 1	3.6		7.8
60.30	Higgs & Hill	85		4.3		9.3
13.20	How Gp	32		0.5		29.2
3.86	Howard Hldgs	81	- 7		2.0	39.0
202.40	Ibstock Johnsen	43 †	- 10	13.0	6.9	8.9
10.70	Jarvis	250		4.5	17.6	32.8
111.40	Lang (J)	34 †	- 2	2.5	6.5	8.2
16.30	Lawrence (W)	30	- 2½	2.5	7.5	8.0
80.50	Lilley	124		7.0	12.2	3.1
11.30	La Chevalier	68	- 3		4.6	14.4
81.50	Lovell (J)	203	+ 5	6.3	7.4	484
69.70	Manders	115	- 1	5.0	7.2	29.5
332.80	Marley	94				
86.60	Marshalls					

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
433.70	Allied Colloids	167	- 7	3.5	2.8	16.9
194.60	Amersham	378	- 7	7.1	2.8	18.8
111.00	Anglo Dut'	32½			6.4	
186.00	BTP	262	- 5	8.4	4.6	15.2
6,264.50	Bayer DM50	9787	-115		4.7	
98.00	Blagden	217	- 6	9.5	6.3	12.0
90.20	Brent Chem	134½	- ½		7.5	14.8
53.20	Cabot Cp	93	- 4	1.2		
46.50	Canning (W)	161	- 4	1.2	0.9	12.7
208.10	Croda	167	- 4	7.0	4.7	12.4
161.50	Ellis & Everard	198		6.8	3.4	13.2
2.30	Fibreoptic Deltair	12½	- ½			
45.70	Fosec	44	- 2	0.4	1.4	11.0
84.20	Halstead (J)	382	+12	26.5	6.9	35.1
294.30	Hickson	177	- 2	5.0	3.7	17.9
4,455.50	Hoechst	8025	-75	55.0	6.8	21.4
8,475.10	ICI	1192	-27	173.4	14.1	
1,014.70	Laporte	582	- 7	19.5	4.6	15.3
165.80	Lanko	238	- 2	5.1	2.7	14.7
221.90	MFN	299			2.9	14.1
2,721.50	Wash Hydm	1325	-100		10.4	12.6
98.10	Paterson Zoch	389			3.6	11.7
87.90	-do-'A'	382		4.5	2.4	21.9
106.60	Plysu	146	+11	3.0	2.8	23.6
417.20	Rexnld	349	+ 2	13	3.3	28.6
1,352.70	Scapa	349	- 1			
21.50	Scottlfe Synth	72				
97.80	Wardle Storeys	360	+ 4	10.0	6.1	16.1
18.20	Warne-Simps	17	- 1	0.1	0.8	
18.40	Wiseblane R	285		18.3	7.6	12.5
102.00	Yorkr Chem	547	- 2	10.3	3.8	14.7
187.00	Yule Catto	239		4.7	2.8	

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.08	Alex Pnde	20				
117.80	Alexon	413	- 5		2.7	14.2
156.60	Amber Day	288	+ 3	6.0	2.8	8.5
928.70	Argos Plc	780	-30	27.7	3.6	
225.10	Ashley (Laura)	95	- 6	0.1	0.1	
254.80	Asprey	295	- 4	9.5	3.2	15.6
9.45	Austin Reed	380	- 3	5.5	3.0	12.2
67.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	- 7	3.8	3.4	31.3
62.30	Bentalls	345			3.4	24.3
87.30	Birr Cft's	216	- 6		3.4	11.6
38.00	Blacks Leis	127	+12		0.5	46.3
638.60	Body Shop	345	+ 9	1.9		1.3
6.76	Brown & Jackson	5½				
209.60	Brown (N)	289 †	- 4	2.7	2.6	19.9
459.00	Burton	41	- 4	2.0	3.0	11.0
22.50	Cantor 'A'	178	- 2	12.5	5.3	15.3
32.70	Chasm	176 †	- 3	7.0	5.3	20.4
1,010.10	Coats Vyella	194	- 3	5.6	6.4	10.4
23.70	Colorvision	117		3.0	4.2	13.0
81.20	Courts Furnish	333		3.5	2.3	11.5
3.31	Crown Eyel	207	+ 2		3.0	13.0
26.40	Dawson (D)	212	-25	5.8	3.6	18.7
821.90	Dixons Gp	445	- 2	20.0	2.1	15.4
756.60	Dunlop	35		0.3		15.5
20.10	ERA Gp	158		16.0	2.7	5.6
5.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	780	- 2	5.8	3.4	23.8
150.30	Etam	10				
14.80	Fads (Mstr)	355	-22	9.8	3.7	14.9
2,080.50	First Act Dev	338	- 3	11.7	3.3	16.3
4.85	Ford Earth Tiles	85			3.5	9.2
13.90	Formfitter	175	- 6	2.7	13.3	34.6
4.28	French Conn	82	- 1	3.3	4.2	8.6
9.65	Goldshield	132		4.0	3.0	46.6
18.80	Gors SR	320		5.0	11.3	6.6
8.11	Goldsmiths Gp	137			2.7	16.7
102.30	GUS	1880 †	- 95	37.5	3.9	11.5
3,206.10	-do-'A'	1790	- 75	37.5	3.9	11.5
3.59	Hampdn Bnn	30		0.2	0.6	13.0
202.40	Hanssons	312	- 17	20.0	11.7	6.2
17.20	Hdsn Plc	22½				
0.97	Heritage	68				
133.20	Hogg Robinson	193	+11	5.5	3.9	19.4
7.01	Holte	36	- 7	1.0	12.1	18.6
2.92	Howgate(A)	130	- 1	10.3	10.6	12.9
7.60	Hse of Fraser	194	- 4	10.0	6.9	8.8
24.40	Jacques Vert	204	- 4	12.2	12.5	7.3
2,434.10	Kingfisher	502	+43	7.8	1.4	23.5
21.80	Lewis Wse Gp	665	- 5	4.0	4.5	5.9
77.60	Liberty	380	+13	4.3	1.9	14.3
1,955.80	Lloyds Chem	1250	-45	19.0	2.9	14.5
1,733.10	Marks Spencer	279½	-14½	19.0	3.4	17.9
239.40	Mennies (John)	431	-17	9.4	3.9	13.3
20.50	Moss Bros	126 †		0.7	0.6	27.8
223.10	Next	748	- 6	13.6	3.8	
19.70	Oliver (G)	92	+ 1	2.5	2.2	17.6
208.80	Pentos	175	-12	4.0	4.5	5.5
31.20	Pope Group	118		4.3	2.6	18.8
86.80	QS Hldgs	221		4.0	3.6	10.5
146.50	Rayners Group	50		8.0	7.6	6.5
13.00	S & U Stores	140	- 10	1.0	3.1	14.6
131.40	Sherwood Gpe	280	- 10	8.0	2.9	17.5
1,429.80	Sears	65	- 2	12.5	3.7	14.7
1,192.60	Smith WH 'A'	450	- 31			24.1
4.38	Stanley(gw)	9		0.3	3.3	
385.40	Stanshome	94	- 2	5.0	2.9	15.6
145.40	T & S Store	228				
13.90	Tie Rack	152	+ 7	7.2	6.5	15.7
79.20	Time Products	152	+ 1	4.0	8.6	9.4
4.38	Usher (Frank)	68		0.4	1.8	9.8
20.90	Vivat	68				
5.09	Wensum	97				
180.60	Wickes	68		1.8		
5.02	Whiting Office	27	- 1			
3.98	Wld of Leather	49	+ 1			
54.10	Wyevale	185	- 4	3.3	2.4	17.6
	Xtra-vision	6½	+ ½			

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.30	AB Elect	92	- 7	0.1	0.1	
151.20	ACT Group	203	+ 4	5.4	3.5	13.4
27.50	Aaslk	105			3.6	9.9
6.97	Accss Comp	30½		4.2	1.9	14.2
32.20	Admiral	114	- 2	4.3	5.1	16.0
52.80	Alba	114				
1.07	Alphameric	31	- 3	1.4	6.0	8.3
175.50	Amstrad	84	+ 2	0.5	3.5	
16.60	App Hldgs	91				
2.76	Atlan	13				
40.00	Azlan	139	- 7	4.9	4.7	13.6
155.60	Avesco	276	- 4	4.4	1.6	13.5
20.30	Bestex Hunter	29½				
23.80	Bennett & Fount	22½	- 1½	10.2	8.0	10.5
883.60	BICC	302	- 2	20.0	6.6	9.4
48.60	Blick	4100	+225			
1,164.30	Bodmin	221	- 4	13.3	5.3	9.8
334.90	Bowthorpe	342	-22	13.3	3.9	41.6
21,060.40	BT	3½		0.1	1.6	17.0
2.21	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	136			3.7	13.3
26.60	Burnfield	68	- 2	1.8	2.6	10.6
5,740.40	Cable Wireless	553	- 8	10.9	2.0	13.7
132.00	Cambridge Elc	212				
28.30	Chloride	280	- 1	2.9	1.4	15.9
48.90	Chrtl Micro	280		6.2	4.8	14.0
16.00	Comptr People	12				
1.58	Coulthurst	16				
71.00	Cray Elect	416	- 16	14.0	4.5	13.4
612.50	Delta	150		9.6	5.6	10.5
6.50	Dempsons Elt	30½			2.1	17.4
100.90	Domino	397			5.1	15.2
83.90	Dowding Mills	85			3.5	18.9
46.40	Dwek	735	- 9	2.4	5.1	16.2
473.20	Electrocomponents	229		9.6	4.2	13.0
20.60	El Data Pic	237			10.0	22.2
7.73	Electron House	28				
29.70	Elmos	301		3.0	1.0	15.9
29.70	Eurotherm	361	+ 1	3.0	0.8	14.1
238.60	FKI	225	- 5	9.0	4.0	14.5
296.60	Farnell Elec	15		6.5	4.4	10.3
1.27	Feedback	4½				
58.50	Ferranti	43				10.5
5.38	Flat Tech	21		1.0	2.2	
5.14	Forward Gp	71				
6.29	Forward Tech	182				6.8
130.10	Fortress	654		4.0	2.2	9.6
115.10	Hartind Simon	356	+ 1	7.0	2.0	30.0
1.55	Hildenbrd	24				12.5
360.40	Hodgson Gp	383		5.6	1.5	10.7
3.06	INSTRAM	188	+10		5.3	12.9
54.00	Jessop Sound	28		0.8	2.2	9.8
7.99	Kenbrey	37	+18			
29.20	Kewill Sys	103		7.5		3.8
5.80	Kode	18				
4.70	Laser Scan	61		0.4	0.8	
8.93	LRM&S	97		14.5	7.6	22.1
15.40	Lec Instrs	161	- 3	2.9	2.4	21.0
254.30	Lilo Sciences	230		15.0	8.5	9.8
141.00	Logica	255		5.5	2.1	24.8
1.59	LPA Indv	38½		11.0	34.5	15.9
85.20	Macro 4	360	- 1	3.0	0.8	34.9
10.80	Magnetic Mat	58		3.3	5.7	15.1
41.70	Marlec Eng	310	- 5	3.6	2.7	17.5
36.90	Microfilm Rep	178				21.1
205.50	Micro Focus	1508	-367	4.1	4.9	12.3
15.00	Microvitec	113	+ 2	7.0	9.7	12.5
13.90	Milgo	164	+ 1			15.3
1,245.30	Misys	1775	+ 1	5.6	3.6	
11.60	Mitec	210	+ 2			
40.30	Mitel	83		3.2	5.1	13.7
8.81	MMT Comp	32			5.8	7.7
17.10	Molyrx	92		2.6	1.5	16.1
43.60	MTL Instr	245			3.3	14.3
12.60	Multitone Elect	80	- 2	2.0		
21.50	Murray Enter	71	- 1½			
8,564.10	NYNEX	4237	-175			
1.87	Newmark (L)	63	- 4			

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
680.30	East Midlands	243	- 4		6.4	7.9
819.10	Eastern Elec	233	- 9		6.3	8.5
627.90	Hydro-Elec	1013	- 3½		6.3	12.6
1,486.10	London Elect	346	- 6		5.9	8.3
629.90	Manweb	290	- 6		6.6	9.1
674.30	Midlands Elec	251	- 6		6.6	8.3
404.50	Northern Elec	270	+ 2		6.1	10.2
587.20	Norweb	313	+ 2½		6.1	11.3
1,463.70	Scottish Power	99½			6.0	7.2
412.70	Seeboard	252	- 11	16.9	6.0	9.0
978.50	Sth Wales	245	- 5		6.4	7.6
990.10	Sth Western	265	- 2		6.8	7.7
335.80	Southern Elec	249	- 6		5.8	
735.80	Yorkshire Elec	284	- 6			
	Package Unit	1263	-470			
2,817.10	National Power	145½	- 2½		4.8	8.3
1,804.20	PowerGen	155½	- 2½			

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
67.70	Abingworth	334	- 3	4.0	1.6	70.2
21.40	Aitken Hume	36 †	+ 2	1.0	3.8	10.0
2.23	Atlantic Sec§	11				
7.88	BWD§	42		1.7	5.1	12.5
44.20	Bale Plc	125		4.1	4.4	6.1
97.40	Berkeley Cowen	120	- 4		8.9	3.7
2.69	Burns-Anderson§	6				
290.70	Caledonia	315	-15	13.5	5.7	12.5
50.00	Cassells	2000		25.0	1.7	18.5
52.20	Cavalier	235	-10	8.5	4.8	224
47.30	Charterh§	154	- 3	1.5	1.0	15.9
1.61	Guiltehouse§	6		0.5	8.3	
10.20	Harvey Thomp	185	-15	16.5		8.6
1.76	IFSCO	8½				
40.20	Henry Sinn	128	- 2	5.7	6.0	21.8
4.46	Lit	7¼				
115.00	Lon Forfeiting§	115	- ½	7.2	8.4	13.1
8.01	Nat Home Loan	7¼	- ¼	3.7		
11.50	Nichols (JN)	24				
15.80	Rathbone Bros§	410	- 3	8.0	2.6	19.0
27.00	Rutland Tst	11		0.8	9.7	6.6
17.40	Shrewsbury	319	- 1		9.2	16.6
99.90	Singer & Fried	42	- 9	2.5	7.9	9.7
152.70	Sirdar	663	- 25		8.0	
229.40	SFP Capital	81	- 4	3.0	4.9	12.6
500.00	Tempus Group	250	- 9		2.9	12.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4,904.90	Amer Express	1043 †	- 62			
317.40	Electra	665 †	- 25	37.5	7.5	13.6
140.40	Henderson Ad	468	- 4	6.0	8.5	22.4
858.40	MAM	878	-35	25.0	3.8	16.5
413.20	M & G	543	-20	17.8	3.9	26.9
36.30	Smith New Ct	120	- 3	3.5	3.9	5.1
11.90	Sterling Tst§	56			9.3	

FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,912.70	AB Food	426	-29		4.1	8.6
824.60	ASDA Group	87	- 6		5.7	8.3
509.40	Albert Fisher	85				
3.26	Alpine Group	32				
2,874.80	Argyll	259	-18		4.5	11.9
61.90	Ashley Group	44	+ 1	1.6	6.5	11.4
26.00	Assoc Fisheries	148	+ 4	8.0	7.3	7.3
10.90	Banks (S G)	108			3.4	12.5
58.10	Barr (AG)	201	- 2	2.7	3.1	9.2
9.20	Benston Cpge	118	- 1			
117.60	Bestobell Ind	24	- 1			11.2
4.77	Bib Ireland§	462	- 7	21.2	6.1	14.1
975.90	Booker	621	-40	3.9	3.9	9.7
19.90	Bonf

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Special reasons without excuse

Daniels v Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment November 18]

It was possible for a court to *decide that* there were special reasons for not disqualifying a driver for failing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis even when it had held that the driver had not had a reasonable excuse for failing to provide the specimen.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Jeremy Daniels against the sentence imposed by Bristol Crown Court (Judge Sir Ian Lewis and justices) on appeal from Bristol Justices and substituting on the basis of special reasons a two-year disqualification in place of a three-year ban.

Mr Ian Glen for the defendant; Mr Martin Steen for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said *that the defendant had been in* the car park of a public house helping another man bump start his motor cycle. The motor cycle suddenly fired and the defendant rode it on to the highway to keep the engine going. He travelled no more than 35 yards before stopping.

The defendant was stopped by police officers and questioned about the ownership of the motor cycle. The officers made enquiries but failed to find the owner of the motor cycle. They then arrested the defendant for theft. He was cautioned and *taken to the police* station.

At around midnight the owner of the motor cycle attended the police station to clear the defendant. No one informed the defendant of that and his detention continued. At 12.55 he was asked to provide a specimen of breath for analysis and refused. Up to that stage no mention had been made to the defendant of any enquiry into his fitness to drive.

The crown court found that the defendant had understood the warning that failure to provide a specimen could lead to prosecution but that his mind was still directed to the theft allegation and that he refused to provide a breath specimen because the allegation of unfitness to drive seemed to him relatively trivial.

The fact that the defendant had not had a reasonable excuse for not providing a specimen under section 8(7) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, did not necessarily mean that there would also not be special reasons for not disqualifying him under section 93 of the Road *Traffic Act 1972. Usually the* answer to the two questions would be the same but that was not necessarily so.

It had to be borne in mind that the courts had restricted "reasonable *excuse" to physical or mental* inability or risk to health, see *R v Lennard* ([1973] RTR 252).

As reasonable excuse had been circumscribed in that way it was possible that matters could be regarded as special reasons which were not capable of being reasonable excuse.

If the same matter was raised as reasonable excuse and special reasons and the court had rejected *the reasonable excuse* defence, it followed logically that the same fact could not be a special reason, because the factual basis of the plea had been rejected. That perhaps explained the confusion which had crept into that area of road traffic law.

Any suggestion that a defendant could not have special reasons if the circumstances did not amount to reasonable excuse was not correct.

It was wise to go back to the guidance provided in *R v Wickens* ((1958) 42 Cr App R 236, 239-240). If the approach there suggested by Mr Justice Devlin were followed, magistrates would not go far wrong *in considering* special reasons.

It appeared from the case stated that the crown court had decided that the defendant was, at the time he was asked to provide a specimen, still focusing on the theft charge and put much less significance on providing a specimen.

While he had understood the warning that refusing to provide a specimen could expose him to the risk of prosecution, he was distracted by the more serious allega*tion of dishonesty. It was implicit* in the findings that if the defendant had not been so distracted he might have taken a different view.

That was something the court was entitled to take into account *when considering special reasons* for not disqualifying. Although it was not a reasonable excuse for not providing a specimen it was capable of being a special reason.

It was normal for the court to remit such a case to the fact-finding tribunal but in the exceptional circumstances of the instant case where there had been considerable delay, the defendant had already been disqualified for two years and the crown court judge had since died the court would itself reduce the period of disqualification on the basis of special reasons to a period of two years.

Solicitors: Osborne Clarke, Bristol; CPS Bristol.

Order against non-party invalid

Kalsi v Kalsi

Before Lord Justice Purchas and Mr Justice Ward

[Judgment November 20]

It was not open to the court in proceedings brought under the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983 to join other parties who were not affected by the provisions of that Act; still less to grant relief against them when they were not parties.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by Manohar Singh Kalsi, who intervened on appeal, against an injunction made by Mr Nell Taylor, QC, sitting as a deputy Family Division judge, on July 14, 1989, restraining Manohar and two of his brothers who were not parties to the proceedings, together with Balder Singh Kalsi, the husband, from remaining at or entering the matrimonial home at 59 Hillside Road, Southall, Middlesex, until an application for ancillary relief in proceedings between Jasvir Kaur Kalsi, the wife, and the husband had been adjudicated upon or until further order.

Mrs Susan Maidment, who did not appear below, for Manohar; Mrs Ellen Solomons, who did not appear below, for the wife.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the husband and wife married in May 1980. In April 1984 the property was bought by the Kalsi family in the names of Manohar, another brother and the husband. The husband and wife moved into the property together with their two children.

The wife asserted that the terms under which the family moved in constituted an express trust, or alternatively a contractual licence under which she and her family as beneficiaries were entitled to exclusive possession.

That was disputed by the brothers who asserted that the property was bought as a family home and that they used it for considerable periods of time.

The judge found that the wife, for present purposes, was entitled to a contractual licence affording her exclusive possession.

The husband said that in June 1986 he and his wife moved when they bought their own property. The legal title to the first property remained in the names of Manohar, the husband and another brother.

By May 1989 the marriage was breaking down and the wife presented a petition. On the previous day, Miss Mary Hogg, QC, granted the wife an *ex parte* injunction restraining the husband, *inter alia*, from selling or dealing with the first house.

On June 9, 1989 the wife served notice of the return date and the terms of Miss Hogg's order and also gave notice that she would seek an order, *inter alia*, that the husband and his brothers be prohibited from exercising any rights of occupation in 59 Hillside Road.

On June 2, an application had been made by the wife for her interest in 59 Hillside Road, as the wife under section 2 of the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983, should be registered as a class F charge. On June 13, Mr Recorder Turcan granted that application and made an order in which reference was made to the brothers being "heard" and that they "consented" to the it.

When the wife's adjourned application of June 9 came before Mr Taylor on July 13 and 14 he refused the brothers' application to adjourn the case.

His Lordship had every sympathy with Mr Taylor faced as he was with the multiplicity of witnesses and parties in the circumstances; nor could his Lordship acquit either counsel who appeared below in their omission to assist Mr Taylor in what should have been an obvious difficulty, namely, that of granting injunctions carrying with them penal consequences when the subjects to those injunctions were not parties to the action.

The remedy was close at hand. It was now accepted on all sides that the correct procedure would have been for the judge to exercise his power under Order 15, rule 6(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court. That would at least have given the brothers a status before the court which would have made them subject to the court's jurisdiction.

On appeal, it was only Manohar who had sought to be an intervener and who had appealed. The court was therefore faced with the position of an appellant intervener who although he had been in court was not a party and was not called to give evidence.

The judge's decision to refuse an adjournment on July 14 was supported by Mrs Solomons on the basis that the brothers, although not formally parties, were for all practical purposes full participants in the battle.

That was an attractive argument but his *Lordship* regretted that he was unable to accede to it. At the adjourned hearing on July 14, the only indication of the wife's case, namely that based upon an express trust granting her and her husband exclusive possession, was to be found in one paragraph of the wife's affidavit.

There were no grounds for being certain that the brothers were aware that that was the case being made by the wife or of the details upon which she based her case. There was no evidence that the brothers had been served with a copy of her affidavit. They were not parties to the application and would only be aware of documents by virtue of second-hand information obtained from the husband. That was the fundamental weakness of Mrs Solomons' submissions and where Mr Taylor fell into error.

Mrs Maidment submitted that it was not open to the court in proceedings which clearly originated as an application under the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983 to give relief based upon equitable rights, such as those arising under an express trust.

Mrs Maidment was right in her submission. It was not open to the court to join third parties whom were not affected by the provisions of the Act; still less to grant relief against them when they were not parties.

Mr Justice Ward delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Darlington & Parkinson, Acton; Bird & Lovibond, Uxbridge.

Discretion to make summary judgment

Europa Property and Finance Services Ltd v Stubbert

On a defendant's appeal against a master's order, under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, giving conditional leave to defend, the judge in chambers, if satisfied that there was no defence to the claim, was entitled, in the exercise of his discretion under Order 14, rule 3, to give summary judgment for the plaintiff, notwithstanding that no formal notice of cross-appeal had been given by the plaintiff.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Beldam) so held on November 13 in dismissing the defendant's appeal and allowing *the plaintiff's cross-appeal from* Mr Justice Potts.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that Order 58, dealing with appeals from the master to the judge in chambers, *contained no pro*vision for a formal notice of cross-appeal.

Further, the judge's discretionary jurisdiction under Order 14, rule 3 was in no way hindered by the *previous* exercise of the master's discretion: *Evans v Bartlam* ([1937] AC 473, 478).

The judge was therefore wrong in declining to accede to the plaintiff's request for summary judgment. Accordingly, their Lordships would exercise the discretion, which the judge failed to exercise, and give summary judgment for the plaintiff.

No status akin to corroboration

Regina v Sihota
Regina v Gurm

Evidence which in law was not corroboration could not be accorded an enhanced status akin to corroboration.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice May) so stated on November 14 in allowing appeals by Satinderpal Singh Sihota and Sukhbir Singh Gurm against their convictions for abduction and rape, and indecent assault (Gurm only) for which they were both sentenced to a total *of 10 years imprisonment.*

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the complainant alleged that she had been abducted and raped by the appellants and another man who was not before the court and indecently assaulted by Gurm, who forced her to have oral sex. The appellants' case was that intercourse was consensual and that oral sex never took place.

There was medical evidence that a single sperm was found on the saliva swab taken from the complainant that evening.

In directing the jury that the evidence of the saliva swab, although not direct corroboration of rape was something they were entitled to have in mind, the judge must have given the jury the unfortunate and erroneous impression that the evidence of the saliva swab had a status akin to corroboration in relation to allegations of rape.

Appeals discouraged

In re M (a Minor)

Litigants in matrimonial cases should not be encouraged to appeal against interim orders for care and control of children *unless the order was intolerable.*

The Court of Appeal so stated on November 5 in dismissing an appeal by the mother against the order of Judge McDonald in Middlesbrough County Court on August 9, 1991 giving interim care and control of the child M to his maternal grandparents.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF referred to *In re H (a Minor)* (*The Times* April 11) where Lord Justice Balcombe had said that it did no good for appeals to be *raised against interim orders* unless the alternative was quite intolerable. Here far from being intolerable the interim care order was working well, as far as his Lordship could see.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said it was not just out of a wish to clear the lists of the Court of Appeal that such appeals were to be deplored.

Everyone knew that such litigation produced a considerable tension within the family. It could not be to the advantage of anyone, and in particular the prospective appellants, if they were encouraged to appeal. It merely gave them false hopes which would let them down with a bang.

Oral agreement to vary mode of performance of guarantee valid

In re a Debtor (No 517 of 1991)

Before Mr Justice Ferris

[Judgment October 21]

An agreement varying the mode *of performance of a guarantee* obligation could be relied upon by way of defence although made by parol, notwithstanding the Statute of Frauds 1677.

Where a debtor applied to *court to set aside a statutory* demand in bankruptcy on the ground of such an oral agreement and the court could not feel certain that such a defence would fail at the trial, the court had jurisdiction, under the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) by analogy with proceedings for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, to set aside the demand on terms.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in the Chancery Division when setting aside a statutory demand for £50,000 served on the debtor in the present case on the condition that the debtor paid that sum into an account in the joint names of the creditor's and the debtor's solicitors within 14 days.

Mr Peter Griffiths for the applicant debtor; Miss Fay Stockton for the respondent creditor.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that the applicant debtor asked that a statutory demand served upon him by the creditor on March 21, 1991 be set aside by the court on the ground that the relevant debt was disputed and that the debtor had a cross-claim equal to or exceeding the amount of the demand.

The debtor had guaranteed performance of a monetary obligation by an associated company, IHL, but claimed that he had agreed with a representative or associate of the creditor company that moneys advanced by him through another company, FTL, to IHL should go in reduction or extinction of his liability under the guarantee. That alleged agreement was not in writing as required by section 4 of the Statute of Frauds.

Miss Stockton sought to rely on section 4 of the Statute of Frauds and contended that the alleged agreement was unenforceable for want of writing as required by that section.

Mr Griffiths argued that section 4 merely had the effect of making any agreement to which it related unenforceable and therefore the agreement, albeit oral, could be relied upon by way of defence. His Lordship thought Mr Griffiths' argument was the correct one.

His Lordship considered other grounds of defence or for setting the demand aside and having rejected them went on to say that coming back to the main line of defence, Mr Griffiths argued that unless, had the *matter* been an Order 14 summons, his Lordship would have been able to say that there was no triable issue, then he had no option but to set the statutory demand aside.

However, his Lordship thought that having regard to the straightforwardness of the creditor's claim and the sketchiness of the debtor's defence, the best course was to order that the demand be set aside provided the debtor paid the sum in dispute into an account in the joint names of the parties' solicitors within 14 days and should proceedings not be commenced by the creditor within a further 14 days then his Lordship ordered that the said sum so paid should be repaid to the debtor. There would be general liberty to apply to the court for variation.

There was, in his Lordship's judgment, jurisdiction to make such an order by virtue of the word "may" in rule 6.5 of the 1986 Rules which imported an element of discretion.

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Class III: Dixon T

Accounting, Finance and French Studies

Class I: Trafford-Owen K

Class II (Div 1): Bubbear S; Herron M D A; Langford C A; Taylor H M; Tulip L

Accounting & Finance and Mathematics

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Class II (Div 2): Beard R J; Bissen D; Briggs J M; Cookson M J; Cryer H; Dooley K J; Fearnside R; Grace N C; Hardie S T; Johnson A; Lamb M D; Lee Y K; Marshall F P; Moss E A; Murphy S T; Myers N C; Normanton K L; Pope S E; Reeves K N; Roper J; Russo J A P; Teare C P, Teasdale M G, Turner T S; White R M; Wright N A

Class III: Hankin G N; Wilde J P

Economics and French Studies

Class II (Div 1): Campbell B T; Havery J M; Hopson A J

Economics and Geography

Class II (Div 1): Winnett C M

Economics and Law

Class II (Div 2): Lewis A C

Economics and Mathematics

Class I: Ellaway R G

Class II (Div 2): Porlous C

Economics and Modern History

Class II (Div 1): Beacon J C; Simpson G; Smith I M

Class II (Div 2): Kapur M; Wilkins T A

Economics and Politics

Class II (Div 1): Bridgmount P A; *Buswell D J*; Goldsmith B R

Class II (Div 2): Budd J C; Carroll K E

Economics and Sociology

Class II (Div 1): Lucas T

Educational Studies and Linguistics

Class II (Div 1): Harrison J A; Turner J C

Educational Studies and Psychology

Class II (Div 1): Hodgson J S

Educational Studies and Sociology

Class II (Div 1): Garnett P J

Educational Studies

Class II (Div 1): Fordham E L; Foster A S; Motala Y S; Sykes Z

Class II (Div 2): Corben J; Hennessy N L D; Immanuel F

Educational Studies and History

Class II (Div 2): Hillyard A M

English

Class I: Jackson S P; Keane S; Magrs P R; McElroy R A

Class II (Div 1): Ainsworth D; Ashcroft L M; *Ball K, Bedford F, Bridges J L; Case R* M; Dalby R H; Gay S J; Gerrard S E; Grindey E L; Hampshire J D; Harries M C; Hodder S C; Johnson V L; Jones L E; McDermott T D; Morgan G S; Pallister H J; Planeta H R; Quinn S E; Robinson M M; Sanders P L; Scarisbrick C; Sevastopoulos S; Simpson L C; Simpson L J; Staines J E; Wimhurst M J; Woods S J, Wu P B

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Class III: Meyer S

English and French Studies

Class I: Howell V C

Class II (Div 1): Green K L; Harrison J E A; Hobday S M; Thompson J F; Ward L M

English and History

Class II (Div 1): Frost M A; Patten J R; Wildsmith C F

Class II (Div 2): Gomersall M L; Herbert J B

English and Italian Studies

Class II (Div 1): Matheson S M; Todde L V

Class II (Div 2): Jayaseelan S N

English and Linguistics

Class II (Div 1): Sutherland K L

English and Music

Class II (Div 1): Clements A R J

Class II (Div 2): Wisden A J

English and Philosophy

Class I: Cass N F

Class III: Allen G J

French and German Studies

Class II (Div 1): Bolton H J; Dutton C M; Parry A R

French and Italian Studies

Class II (Div 1): Ainger C M; Barber F G; Beckford C P; Gordon S L; Hall C E; Hughes M A; Maiservisi J D; Pavi Degl'Innocenti L; Rodriguez-Salgado T; Tanna B

Class II (Div 2): Carter D; Lyons S M

French Studies

Class I: Margerrison C M; Orme M F

Class II (Div 1): Black F M; Brazil F C; Buchanan K A; Evanson N M; Hall D M; Hanscomb E K; Hayes F C; Levene R J; Preece M; Wilcox A J; Williams D; Williams K

Class II (Div 2): Brookes H J; Czerniawski P; Macgregor M A S; Richardson A J; Richardson A J

French Studies and Mathematics

Class II (Div 1): Parry S R

French Studies and Politics

Class II (Div 2): De Lantivy De Tred I G; Topley A E

Geography

Class I: Spurr P S

Class II (Div 1): Forster A; Hollings-Tennant D L; Mitton S C; Parsons R N; Pickard P J

Class II (Div 2): Barr J A; Keating J R; Laycock A M; McGee A K; Powell E J; Richards G B; Selby R S

Class III: Griffith; Warren E

Pass: Chew T E

Geography and Politics

Class II (Div 2): Hunter S

German and Italian Studies

Class II (Div 1): Terry J D

Class II (Div 2): Milson H M; Thornton M

German and Religious Studies

Class II (Div 2): Eastwood C L

German Studies

Class I: West L

Class II (Div 1): Biears D J; Evans A; Jarvis E P; Mason Z J; Simpson L H

German Studies and English

Class II (Div 1): Esser M M M

History

Class I: Baldwin C R; Dove R; Matthews E A; Oliver A R; Price L J; Rixon P D A; Winstanley T E

Class II (Div 1): Adamson M J; Allen C I; Baird K J; Balsam M C; Bates N; Beecham H E; Bell C A; Brechin D A L; Brimble E A H F; Broome J A; Cawthorn J D; Clegg G R; Collins L; Cree A; *Crouch K; Douglas T J; Downs C P;* Earnshaw M L; Evans D J H; Hale R A; Hall L J; Howard S M; Hughes P S; Hutchin J D; Lau W S E; Llevesley J; Lockwood J A, Maloney M J; Marsden R D; Massarella D L; Mernagh W P; Murray L C L; Oliver L D; Prizeman S M; Rainsley M I; Ramsden A B; Rolfe L; Segebarth H; Simmill I M, Stewart D; Tanner R J; Wallace N F; White I C; Wolfenden S; Young T J

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Pass: McKeown G

History and Politics

Class I: Welch M D

Class II (Div 1): Dutson R A; Fagg S J; Flaxman A A; Hall J R; Hyams M J; *Linfern H L; Llewellyn J D; Luscombe S* D; Oakes S; Stuttle J K; Taylor J; Waltham D J

Class II (Div 2): Clack M W; Laidman K R; Moss L J

History and Religious Studies

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History, Philosophy and Politics

Class II (Div 1): Smith R

Human Communication

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Class II (Div 2): Ashurst E; Campbell A J; Dryden J A

Independent Studies + Visual Arts

Class II (Div 1): Nichols C S

Independent Studies

Class I: Cooper M; Langford W K

Class II (Div 1): Beeching R M; Buckler S S; Deaper R W; England P Y; Haynes M; Smith R; Walsh M T; White R E; Zehil C

Class II (Div 2): Gunstone C; Moore D; Mulvaney T P

International Relations & Strategic Studies

Class II (Div 1): Gilliver S J; Martin K E; McDonald C J; Owens J D M

Italian Studies

Class II (Div 1): Collins J J; Minns M L, Sing L M

Class II (Div 2): Chambers S J; Ghidotti A L; Paffetti D S

Italian Studies and Psychology

Class II (Div 1): Quadri S

Language and Education

Class II (Div 1): Wong C C K

Law & History

Class II (Div 2): Holmes J F

Law (Non Standard) BA

Class II (Div 1): Stefaniak A M

Class II (Div 2): Stansfield I

Linguistics

Class II (Div 1): Hou C F E; Oakes S J; Whittle P M; Wickremasinghe R D

Class II (Div 2): Chan I H, Dickinson W J; Yiu K D

Marketing and French Studies

Class I: Threlfall V A

Class II (Div 1): Benn A D; Hulme N J; Lobley A F; Roper M L; Wicksteed I D

Class II (Div 2): Brown F E; Pickering M J M; Vlaeminke S L

Marketing and German Studies

Class I: Ives K J; *Orrell S D*

Class II (Div 1): Carr J R; Chambers M C; Griffiths B; Ladd N R

Marketing and History

Class I: Harding F M

Marketing and Italian Studies

Class II (Div 1): Roverato S A

Marketing and Law

Class II (Div 2): Sharman L J

Mathematics

Class I: Owen D R

Class II (Div 1): Lord E; Pownall J

Class III: Powell K J

Mathematics and Philosophy

Class II (Div 1): McLaren C R; Webster J L

Medieval Studies

Class II (Div 1): Gibbs C M

Modern English Language

Class I: Wong P M J

Class II (Div 1): Fung P L; Ho W C

Modern English Language Education

Class I: Ong S Y; Wong C L

Class II (Div 2): Carvalho M G; Faiz A; *Salim S*

Music

Class II (Div 2): Lever V J

Organisation Studies and Sociology

Class II (Div 2): Magee C

Organisation Studies with Industrial Relations

Class II (Div 1): Grainger I; Leach C R W; Morris S E

Class II (Div 2): Adams R M; Archer R M; Benson D; Brown J B W; Lord J L; McMullan N L

Class III: Leather M P

Organisation Studies

Class I: Randon T M

Class II (Div 1): Adebowale M; Brown W R; Chow Y H D; Coyne C J; Lee K L C; Musiin T A; Sena N D; Sharide B J; Wright O M

Class II (Div 2): Krauth D J; Reynolds A; Shepherd G C

Philosophy

Class II (Div 1): Fox G R; Grace P M; Heverdine A N P; McDonald M P; Roberts B S S

Class II (Div 2): Francis R A J; Mann N; Pradhan C C M

Class III: Murphy A M

Philosophy and Independent Studies

Class II (Div 2): Cowley B C

Philosophy and Law

Class III: Athanassiadou E

Philosophy and Psychology

Class III: Moreland T J J

Philosophy and Religious Studies

Class II (Div 1): Booth S; Manley C J; Mitchell D L

Class II (Div 2): Walford L D

Philosophy and Social Administration

Class II (Div 1): Martin A M

Politics

Class II (Div 1): Beddall S D; Brannigan P M, Burt S D, Currid J N; Emblin P W; Fisher L J; Greenaway R A; Lodge A G; Lowe J; Lumsden S A; Paul A M; Peacey *M J; Sharp A B; Twissell D; Wild A*

Class II (Div 2): Blacker P V; Copper J B; Cotterill H V, Kenyon M R; Rissik J L; Rowe C H; Speakman D M, Thistlethwaite M R; Walker G D

Pass: Giddins G D A

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Class II (Div 1): Williamson R F

Politics with International Relations

Class I: Harvey M J C

Class II (Div 1): Clarkson H A; Davies J J V; Davis D J; House J M; Jubb E C; Moxley N; Pullman M I; Reader C L; Spelman J; Stevens J; Toft M G

Class II (Div 2): Allsopp A T; Beauchamp C B P; Brown G P; Chantry J L; Coulon S; Flynn D R; Mooney G B; Prince S

Politics/Sociology

Class II (Div 1): Paterson W E

Class II (Div 2): Calla J L; McGarvie J H; Wigley S J

Psychology

Class I: Martin J E

Class II (Div 1): Vero E S, White J R

Class II (Div 2): Nicholson A E; Oxspring A; Phillips A N

Pass: Putman J S

Psychology and Independent Studies

Class II (Div 1): Prior K R

Religious Studies

Class I: Dwight K; Marven R E

Class II (Div 1): Ayers S J; Clay P L; Eady E C; Frow J; Gerrard R; Greatish C J; Hill J A; Hunter L A, Morrow A R; Nolan E A, Nutland E J; Peasnell M, Rees V E; Satar T

Class II (Div 2): Andrews E J; Binder L *B; Cox S L; Dobson P B; Hutson H L,* Humpage M C, Leary J S; Lee A M; McCusker C D; Medcraft A E; Slater F M; Wareing M F D; Wright C F

Religious Studies and Sociology

Class II (Div 1): Watson P J

Social Administration

Class II (Div 1): Banks C L; Crawford H; Duffin C J; Emmess R L; Farooq M; Godwin N L; Hodgson M; Mallina D; McGarvie J M; Powis G M; Reed E; Riding M T; Squires K J; Widdowson A J

Class II (Div 2): Baldock R C L; Lockhurst F M; Wright S L

Social History

Class II (Div 1): Holmes K; Moffat R A; Spree J D

Class II (Div 2): Houldsworth E

Social Work

Class I: Whiteside E J

Class II (Div 1): Cline L A; Colgan A G; Dacre M; Gelling C A; Jones R A; Storey M C

Class II (Div 2): Bolton S A; Burke M S; Kirya M E; McEvilly M M L; Randle A J; Richardson B K; Roach D; Whelan P P

Sociology

Class I: Kearney S V; Perret J M

Class II (Div 1): Armour D J; Edwards I J; Frances S K; Galbraith H J; Gill C; Jevons L C; Kaye E; Lewis J; Robinson B A S; Travis H; Wilmott J C

Class II (Div 2): Brown H A; Houghton J A; Munro S S; Napier M E; Newsome R; Paterson A R J; Sleep N J; Winter

Class III: Frost D N; Pottage D M

Pass: Middleton C A

Sociology & Independent Studies

Class II (Div 1): Offord D M

Sociology and Social Administration

Class II (Div 1): Huddlestone E A

Class II (Div 2): Walsh L J

Sociology and Social Research

Class II (Div 2): Wroe I P

Theatre and Independent Studies

Class II (Div 1): Wakefield G E

Theatre Studies

Class II (Div 1): *Arvidson P L; Ballard L* M; Berrisford C L; Burchill K; Countie P A; Gordon-Dean N; Henson N J; Ineson R M; Liney S V; Mold S F; Richards P; Sefton J R; Stevenson C; Thompson L J; Wood M J

Class II (Div 2): Ladbury P S

Theatre Studies and French

Class II (Div 1): Powell G A

Theatre Studies with English

Class II (Div 1): Bedser R A; Falk E J; Jones C F G; Oswin M A; Sims N A; Thomson C R E

Visual Arts

Class I: Buckrour A L; Groves B J; Prosser C A; Rogan A M

Class II (Div 1): Bezuy A; Howick S I E; Johnson F; Peters R S; Wicks D A

Class II (Div 2): Craton S E; Dives S J E; Dunn R E; Jones L J

Class III: Ridehalgh J

Women's Studies and Educational Studies

Class II (Div 1): Smith A C

Women's Studies and English

Class II (Div 2): Perdue R A

Women's Studies and Social Administration

Class II (Div 1): Hobart H J

Class II (Div 2): Ward D

Women's Studies and Sociology

Class II (Div 2): Blanshard K; McCurry H F

BEng

Engineering (Civil)

Class II (Div 1): Humphries R D

Class II (Div 2): Butcher P J; Evans K T; Howard J A; Wynn P J

Engineering (Electronic)

Class I: Felton R D; Tan T K; Taylor S R

Class II (Div 1): *Ball E M; Bennett D K;* Browell J A; Brown A P; Grout I A; Li P M; Lo W H; Owen R T

Class II (Div 2): Chung W L; Coe A A; Cunningham M J; Fumi-Snethlage J P C; Gay M E; James P A

Class III: Coppock R L; Durham M C; Henry N P; Kemp T A; Kolaghassi B R; Pugmire E J

Engineering (Mechanical)

Class I: Cowell A G; Lo S H E

Class II (Div 1): Clark W D; Light S L; Tong W E

Class II (Div 2): Clemson J E; Fox N B

Class III: Baxter D E; Gammon M J; Goodwin C C

Information Engineering

Class I: Lunn A S; O'Brien D A

Class II (Div 1): Bennett S J; Bromwich M P; Chan C H; Chan Y K; Cheung K W; Dickinson S J; Knight J H; Lee K; Lee K F P; Patel S; Pople B L R; Yiu M C

Class II (Div 2): Chan W; Fong K H

Class III: Rowe M A

Mechatronic Engineering

Class III: Yazdani Kohneh Sha J

Physical Electronic Engineering

Class I: Baker S J; Cormack J G

Class II (Div 2): Etheridge P A; Pepper A; Turner K A

BEng/MEng

Mechatronic Engineering

Class II (Div 1): Annison J D; Bowen M E C; Robinson I S

Class II (Div 2): Boyle J D; Goodwin M R; Mann J E; Packwood M J

LLB

Law

Class II (Div 1): Abbott S O; Baker M J; Brennand G; Cardoso J; Coe J R T; Corman E L; Dobson C L; Esslemont L A; Forrest P A; Howard A P; Hunt G J; Jones H; Kail R J; Kaur S; Leeson E H; Madden S H; Marlow D; Maynard-Connor G; Mear K R; Phelps I P; Pickvance B; Rennie S; Reynolds M J; Tan K J; Thomas M P; Wilkinson A M; Wood S M; Wright K M

Class II (Div 2): Austin S; Chai L L D; Fielding A M; Fox J E; Freeman J T; Goddard S J; Hutchinson D E; Jalnudeen G H; Kaur G; Kell N J R; Leatherland A R; Loganathan M; Mariappan M; Perera Y J; Poskitt A C; Radcliffe G C; Rai R; Rampersad D; Richards J A Y; Royle E; Sands L J; Shu C K D; Silverayan F; Towail N P

Pass: Sawvidou O

BMus

Music

Class II (Div 1): *Collier J L; Green M A;* Johnstone S K; Jones A M; Jones H L; Lockwood P L; Lugtigheid G V; Stenton D; Warren L G; Westbury J L; Woodcock C

Class II (Div 2): Bunting P J; Watt D H

Class III: Dixon R E

Pass: Singleton L V

BSc

Accounting, Finance & Computer Science

Class I: Neal B J

Class II (Div 1): Clark S R; Rothwell M

Accounting & Finance and Mathematics

Class I: Wilson S E A

Class II (Div 1): Belton C M; Burrows A J

Class II (Div 2): Braviner A; Lopes I M, M; Saras C J

Class III: Tudor I F

Pass: Cusack P J

Applied Physics and Electronics

Class I: Follows M R

Class II (Div 2): Bailey M S; Downey H J; Johnson P W; McConochie S R; Sutton J S

Class III: Brayford S M; Perwee J P F

Biochemistry

Class II (Div 1): Beavis J C; Withers S L; Wood D J T

Class II (Div 2): Hirst L; Reay A D; Smith B M; Wong S Y Y

Class III: Fanibanda P H; Noel N A; Phillips D M

Pass: Hobson J M

Biological Sciences

Class II (Div 1): Barnett K M; Barton K L; Brocklebank L E; Bryant S E; Cartman M L; Gore-Jc-Greene J; Mc *Heaton L J; Holliday G C; Manley H M;* Podbar D N; Powell S J; Powell M; Sheeran E P; Vickers G E; Waldron L A

Class II (Div 2): Bartell A P; Boddy N W; Collins I R J; Comber M; Cummings F A; Healey K E; Limbert L E; Lowndes R; Mannion M T; Nash E; Nilford J M; Rogers P M; Smith M S; Wallace G

Class III: Dobson A S; Bulford A T; Kemp F J

Chemistry

Class I: Mackay D; Wallace S J L

Class II (Div 1): Chung M P; Egan-Smith M M; Lamber D C P; Mahoney D R; Wareham R S; Wild M T

Class II (Div 2): Bellwood M; Bridges S C; Cole N P; Embery J; Gladman J M; Sharp A J; Ward M S

Class III: Archer G E; Quinn S J

Pass: Sowerby M R

Chemistry (with year in USA)

Class I: Prewett P A; Hunter R A; Panes J M

Class II (Div 1): Frankland A D; Hodges J S; Ponsonby A M

Chemistry With Polymer Science

Class I: Auden N G; Clarkson R J; Steel A

Class II (Div 2): Clark G; Priestley S L

Class III: Birch N T

Computer Modelling for Business

Class II (Div 1): Rimmer J A

Class II (Div 2): Owen W J

Computer Science

Class I: Adcock P H; Craig K G; Hewitt M A; Humphries S P; Smalley J P; Smith G B; Szeto C Y; Trevor J J; Yeung T W

Class II (Div 1): Danson C J; Goldman M E; Kellyer I A; Langford N; Misty C D; Oldfield M J; Smith M G

Class II (Div 2): Austin G; Bentley S; Chaloner C N; Clark R E; Clegg E M; Fairburn A; Griffiths P E; Kesley S J; Lee A J; Marshall P E; McDonald F S; Mitchell K D; Rich A N; Scott C

Class III: Coolan A; Farthing S; Firth D N; Ruddick L B

Ecology

Class II (Div 1): Allen M; Day C S; Dearle N A; Hellicar M A; Jones K S; Lewis B J; McCutcheon J; Rigby M; Roberts C

Class II (Div 2): Allen K M; Evans K R; Needham T R; Pentland D; Young J M

Class III: Critchley A; Williams J E J

Economics and Operational Research

Class II (Div 1): Glass J P; Wenzel D J; Weston R E

Educational Studies and Psychology

Class II (Div 2): Gomes L P; Yuen Y M

Engineering (Mechanical)

Pass: Winterborn S B

Environmental Sciences

Class I: Barron A; Walker C J

Class II (Div 1): Ball J; Branney E A; Dukes P E; Foster M J; Harper A E; Harrison D; Harrison M E; O'Meara R H; Smart T A; Tong W Y V

Class II (Div 2): Chu C S; 'Clay J M; Clemens S J; Dawson J; Graham A C N; Jones D H; Knowles S P; Ryrne S E; Lancaster M G

Class III: Bryan A; Newland R P

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The European Community today discusses its role in education, below, and, right, how EC policies are benefiting colleges

Brussels eyes teacher training

How far away is the single educational currency?

Whatever the outcome of the prime minister's negotiations in Maastricht, Europe will continue to loom ever larger in the world of education. The extent of the European Community's involvement in a sensitive area not covered directly by the Treaty of Rome will be demonstrated today at a meeting of education ministers in Brussels.

On the table will be a 44-page memorandum on higher education, the sector that offers a foothold for the European Commission through its classification as vocational training. Essentially a survey of Community initiatives, the report is likely to encounter little opposition from Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, and his fellow ministers because it carries no commitments.

Hywel Jones, the director of the Commission's education task force, says: "It is a kind of green paper, intended to get discussion going in member states about future lines of development by raising issues of common interest. There is no legislative intention or hidden agenda."

The defensive stance recognises that the educational debate over Europe mirrors the wider political one. Although students and academics have embraced Community programmes with enthusiasm, the government remains wary of anything that might widen the Commission's role, while a vocal group of Euro-sceptics challenges the whole basis of its involvement.

Martin Holmes, a research fellow at Mansfield College, Oxford, and a member of the academic advisory board of the Bruges Group of anti-federalists, says: "Higher education does not recognise national boundaries. The Community does not represent Europe as I would use the term, and I would regard any attempt to create a Little Europe as anti-educational."

The EC itself has started to tackle the problem by extending the exchange programmes, which form the core of its educational activity, to members of the European Free Trade Association. Today's memorandum acknowledges the importance of links with non-member states, but inevitably sees education in the context of the Community and its development.

British higher education has led the participation in the growing list of Community programmes. Universities and polytechnics are involved in the Erasmus programme of inter-European exchanges, most have taken advantage of the Comett programme linking industry and higher education internationally, and the British Council is to share the administration of the Lingua programme to raise foreign language competence.

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The approach of the single market has led to a marked increase in the attention being paid to the European aspects of teaching and research. The popularity of dual-subject degrees aimed at the post-1992 job market has given a new lease of life to language departments.

Many exchange schemes and joint degrees with other European institutions owe nothing to the Community, apart from the growing interest of students and employers. But the impact of Erasmus and other programmes has been felt in an increase in the number of students coming to Britain from the Continent. The process is likely to speed up under the internal market to such an extent that ministers have already expressed doubts about continental Europeans continuing to pay fees at the same rate as British students.

The Commission's memorandum raises the possibility of stimulating exchanges further by providing financial support for students, although it notes that this would involve large budget increases. It also identifies a new role for the EC as a provider of information on higher education throughout Europe to encourage greater mobility.

Further progress is expected in the thorny area of the recognition of qualifications, which has always been seen as education's main direct contribution to the completion of the internal market.

Potentially the most controversial of the Commission's proposals is to step up the Community's involvement in teacher training as part of a move to increase the European dimension of curricula "at higher education level as in all other educational sectors".

Two years ago, a proposed extension of the Lingua programme to schools, as well as an implied requirement for two foreign languages at entry to higher education, caused the most serious clash over the Community's education programmes. Mr Clarke foresees no such problems today, but the Euro-sceptics are still counselling caution. Dr Holmes detects centralising tendencies in several of the Commission's proposals. "All these harmonisation measures start out in this way, as consultation document," he says. "The whole document is suffused with the notion that central planning is the best way to organise higher education."

There are few signs of the majority of academics or students agreeing, especially while the Community is seen as a valuable source of funds.

The parallels with the wider political debate inevitably will continue. The same suspicions exist over the ambitions of the Commission, and the concern to include central and east European countries in educational collaboration is stronger than in many fields. The single educational currency is a long way off.

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Learning with Europe: French, German and Spanish students in a language laboratory at Middlesex Polytechnic, London

Poly wins a slice of Euro cake

British students are already taking advantage of a £57 million programme to encourage study overseas

Middlesex Polytechnic is so proud of its European connections that it subtitles itself the European Polytechnic. The north London college sets an example to its rivals in Britain, sending 7 per cent of its 10,000 students for up to a year at a time to continental campuses.

Middlesex takes maximum advantage of the European Community's £57 million a year Erasmus scheme to encourage student mobility within the EC. The whole United Kingdom, however, sends only 1 per cent of its undergraduates to do part of their courses on the Continent, and British students' share of this Euro cake last year was a mere £4.5 million.

The scheme is only four years old and already 45,000 students have taken part. In the first year, only 5,000 swapped places at an overseas university. During the four years, the number of inter-university cooperation programmes has risen from 400 to 1,800 throughout Europe and from 106 to 375 in Britain.

Such has been the enthusiasm in Brussels for this initiative that officials are saying that the EC should have started with this scheme rather than with trading alliances. The aim is that by 1995, 10 per cent of all Europe's undergraduates will take advantage of these grants.

Ted Lewis, the head of academic development at Middlesex, says: "The polys have always been more innovative, less tied to the traditional. They have tried harder to bridge the gap between what students want and what business needs. In the 1970s our business studies department started forging links with European universities. Our director was then on the Erasmus board. Once faculty get the European idea, they find it can be very inspiring.

"Our problem is trying to evaluate the real pay-back, especially at a time when resources are stretched. The Erasmus grants do not cover the time and the lost teaching hours that running these courses entails. But our courses with a European dimension attract a higher standard of student than do other courses."

At the polytechnic, which is spread over six sites, 14 courses offer three to 12 months a year at 27 European campuses, stretching from Rome to Amsterdam, from Valencia to Stuttgart. Most places go to those involved in the BA European economics and the BA European Business administration courses.

Klaus Hiedensohn, the programme head of the BA European economics course, says: "The courses take a lot of working-out. There is much travelling backwards and forwards. The first stage of the EC grant covers the costs of getting the academics together and working out what they are going to do."

Although Middlesex and others have worked out integrated courses with some colleges, the EC course credit-transfer scheme is still in its pilot phase. So far, the pilot scheme covers business administration, chemistry, history, mechanical engineering and medicine. Universities from each of the 12 EC countries participate.

One of the universities working on the credit-transfer scheme in history is Sussex. Ted Nahkle, the planning officer, says: "Because we do a European studies degree, more than 20 per cent of our 3,500 undergraduates now spend a year at a continental university as part of their course.

"Those in the Erasmus scheme comprise only about a quarter of those who go. The main problems we have with students going abroad for part of their course concerns their ability to speak the language."

At Middlesex, meanwhile, the polytechnic's administration is looking forward to achieving university status in 18 months' time. No doubt the polytechnic will keep its continental sub-title.

HUGH THOMPSON

Last gasp of a failed system

Systematic testing is sounding the death knell for comprehensive ideals

Yesterday's heresies are today's orthodoxies. At the first meeting of the School Examinations and Assessment Council (SEAC) in 1988, I dared to suggest that it was too easy to get an A-grade in the new GCSE examination.

My fellow council members saw this as an eccentricity, but harmless enough to be indulged. By 1990, it was agreed that the A-grade should be split in two. The upper of the two halves was to represent a more genuine challenge for the most academically inclined boys and girls, from 1994 onwards.

I forget which language it is that compares unfavourably with Spanish through having no word that conveys the same sense of urgency as *mañana*, but English as she is acted upon in SEAC could be a contender.

When I later voiced misgivings about the large role that course work had come to play in GCSE, I was met with the same tolerant incomprehension. My colleagues seemed oblivious to the symptoms I had detected: parents weary of devilling for their children's essays, teachers bewildered by obscure arrangements for "moderation" and a vague uneasiness that highly geared learning was being sacrificed to free-wheeling creativity.

Incomprehension became incredulity at my next offence against educational good taste. I argued that not all teachers and pupils were enamoured of the general science that was to replace the separate disciplines of physics, chemistry and biology. It seemed to me that it was better to let schools make their own minds up about this than to tell them what was good for them. Finally, the ultimate hallucination: why not find out whether or not our young people were learning to spell, by marking their GCSE scripts accordingly?

None of this got to the real heart of the matter. The GCSE reform, which Sir Keith Joseph, when education secretary, had encouraged in the mid 1980s and that so many of us supported, never actually came about. In many subjects, however, it became an examination in which the same papers were taken by all candidates, from the least to the most academic.

In the event, the transition appeared smooth. When the first GCSE results were published in 1988, there was general rejoicing at a national performance that was better than before. Or so the statistics told us. Word soon got around, though, that this was because the new examination was easier. Fortunately for its adherents, nothing could be proved, because the syllabuses had been changed and the uncertainty of course work had been thrown in. We were starting with a clean sheet.

When statistics cease to be a genuine guide, impressionistic evidence fills the vacuum and takes on a new credibility. In the schools, there has been no shortage of reports of trivialisation of syllabuses and dilution of standards, especially those expected of the most able. Yet it need not have been at the latter's expense that Sir Keith's bold initiative was introduced.

GCSE remains the right recipe for giving a fair crack of the whip to all, provided it is the differentiated system that was originally intended and that at each level children are taught not according to vaguely defined "criteria" but to clearly defined syllabuses.

This cautionary tale will probably turn out to be the last nail in the coffin of the comprehensive system. Whatever justifications can be advanced for unselective schools, they do not extend to unselective examinations.

In the end, systems are judged by results. It has long been an embarrassment that the part of the United Kingdom which has by far the best examination results is Northern Ireland, where selection has been retained.

Mañana, however, is coming closer. We now have a national curriculum designed to provide clear specifications of what needs to be taught and it will be tested systematically. As for GCSE, according to the latest press reports, sensible limits will be placed on course work, and the written examinations are to "stretch the ability of the most able so that they do not have to answer questions foolishly below their ability and protect the less able from being ruthlessly exposed to papers they cannot answer".

When all this has come to pass in 1994, I hope that the new heretics will enjoy the same tolerant treatment from those who call the tune as this old heretic experienced.

ARTHUR HEARNDEN

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Elizabeth Diggory: equality

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WHILE universities, the church and the government consider the best way to honour Britain's hostages, particularly Terry Waite, Hull University has already decided to give an honorary doctorate in letters to John McCarthy, the Beirut hostage released in August and who will return to Hull next month. Mr McCarthy graduated from Hull in 1979 with a degree in American studies.

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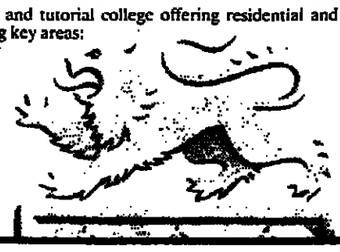
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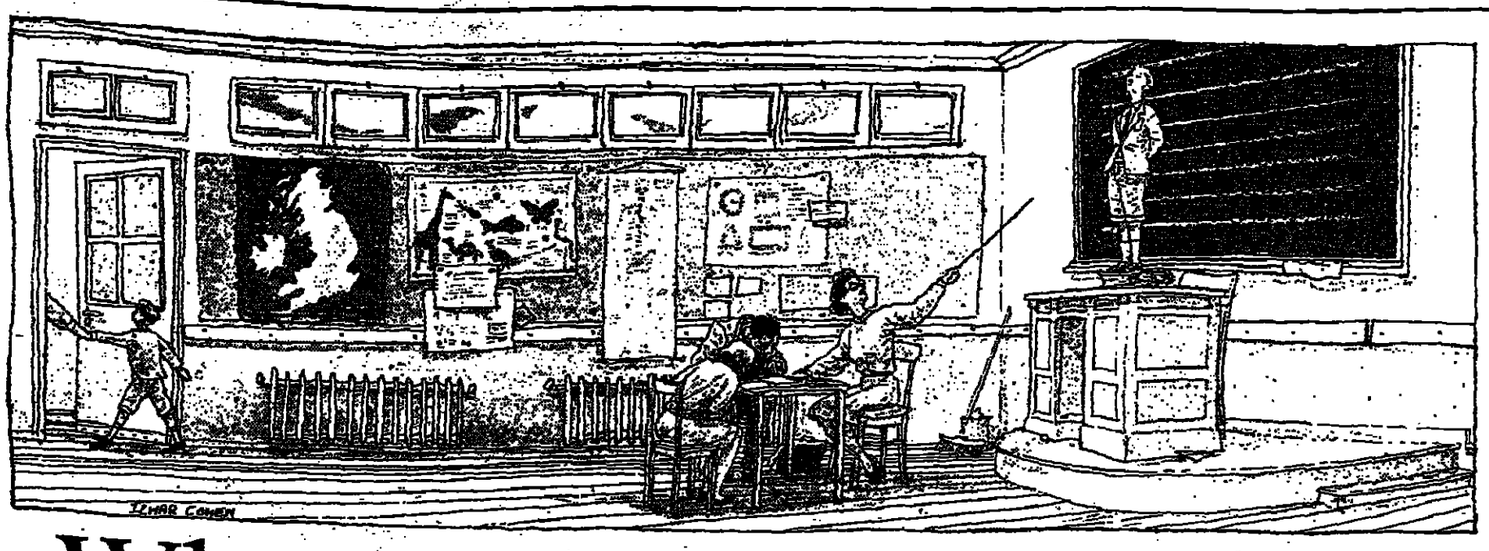
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When parents go to school

Parents who are not well prepared when invited to discuss their child's progress can easily waste a night. **Timothy Rice** reports

Many parents recall the experience through gritted teeth: the clock clicks around to 8:55 as, fifth in the queue, they wait for their 8 o'clock appointment. The maths teacher — *whom their child* has advised them not to see — is still reassuring the parents booked in 30 minutes before that they need not worry about their son's examination prospects.

With luck, it will be over by 9.30, an hour later than planned. Is it worth it?

The answer is usually yes. Parents' evenings provide a chance to put a face to a name, to be reassured about progress, to find out why, for example, the school does not teach grammar as former grammar school parents remember it. But too often, the appointment system breaks down, the teacher's ideas seem woolly and parents leave with little more information than previously.

How, then, can parents get the most out of these evenings? Peter Smith, the general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistress Association, is in no doubt. "Be prepared," he says. "Many parents find such evenings daunting and formal and allow the teachers to dominate the agenda. They should know exactly what questions they want to put."

One parent, Penny Mesure, of Denham, Buckinghamshire, agrees. "Teachers do not realise that the smell of a school gets to parents and they immediately become 12 years old again," she says. "Parents are at a disadvantage; teachers are already primed up."

An appointment is likely to be ten minutes at most, so time cannot be wasted. Eve Fuller, of Bromley, southeast London, remembers that her son's Latin teacher put an egg-timer on the desk to ensure she did not go over her time. "In fact," Mrs Fuller says, "we both became so animated that we went on for half an hour."

Parents have to realise that time is limited and they cannot go on making the same point six times over; few things infuriate teachers more.

According to Trevor Millum, father of two and a former teacher, parents should beware teachers who open with: "Now tell me about Joanna." They probably have not the slightest idea who Joanna is.

Such experiences are common, especially if the pupil sees the teacher only once a week. Parents of one asthmatic child were astonished to hear that he was being warmly recommended to join the Army. Another couple were delighted that after a series of depressing reports on a child, one teacher was brimming with praise, only for it to dawn gradually that she was speaking about another child.

One sixth-form college principal emphasises that parents should expect a school to aim high. Dennis Lavelle, of Winstanley College, Wigan, Greater Manchester, says: "Parents should complain and say, 'This is not the way to do it'. The parents' minds, however, are not on the children but on the queue to see the teacher. The night becomes an obstacle course and they can become very angry. But this is a public service and they are paying teachers' salaries. Appointments should not run immediately after one another but be spread out."

Conversely, parents should write a note if they are happy with

'Nothing will be achieved by forcing a confrontation'

the evening, Mr Lavelle says. "Such letters from parents make up for an awful lot. Sometimes teachers talk solidly from 6 until 10," he says.

Schools have devised a variety of ways of overcoming the administrative headaches. Some send all the parents to one large hall, with names clearly shown. The disadvantage is the embarrassment of being overheard by the next-door table if you are discussing a delicate matter. But at least the coffee is near by. Some prefer one teacher a classroom, which can involve parents in an orienteering course around the school, but may offer privacy.

At the Sir Frank Markham Community School in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, every yearly intake is divided into three "houses" so that only one third of the usual sea of parents attend on any one night.

Martin Mathews, the deputy head teacher, explains: "What is wrong with parents' evenings is only what is wrong with teaching and education — it is the conveyor belt approach. Teachers see too many faces in different years. What will make the circumstances better is teachers and children knowing one another, and having continuity."

Primary schools, which operate in a less formal way than secondary schools, may have something to teach them. Their open afternoons are relaxed affairs, often with the children's work on display, which can help parents' appreciation of what has been done before they meet teachers. Yet they also have the advantage that the parents will probably see only the form teacher, although appointments systems are used.

Once they have found their way to the right teacher, parents should know that certain questions or attitudes are likely to be counter-productive. Asking how your children rank in relation to others in the class may result in heavy teacher flannelling, particularly if the pupils are under 15. Teachers usually like to talk about individual progress, not comparisons. Here an ability to read the teacher's mark book upside-down is useful for the parent.

Steve Jacobi, a teacher at Dulwich College in London, says: "I don't give marks up to third or fourth year, anyway. But independent schools assess rigorously every few weeks, and the parents are not usually worried about rank order. But as a teacher you dread the parents who think they know all about education — also those who obstinately refuse to understand there can be two ways for a child to live his or her life.

"You say the child is quiet and they reply, 'Well at home they talk to me all the time'. It is advisable not to go in with these attitudes."

Mr Millum says that parents should accept they will achieve nothing by pinning a teacher to the wall. "Confrontations will not achieve anything," he says. "I used to say that if there is anything to discuss, get in touch with me personally before the next parents' evening.

"Parents' evenings are like medical check-ups. With a real problem, you would go to your doctor straight away."

In future, parents' evenings may be different affairs. If profiling and reporting modules — computer-based systems at present being tried throughout the country — become popular, parents will receive more detailed information about pupils' progress more often. Those unnervingly long lists of appointments may be deemed unnecessary, and life will be easier for everybody.

Size is at heart of class battle

WHEN parents are asked what changes would most improve education, they invariably say that class sizes should be smaller.

But smaller than what? How alarmed should parents be that according to a National Union of Teachers survey, primary class sizes are increasing? Or that perhaps a quarter of all children are in classes of between 30 and 35 pupils — in some cases even more?

There is no definitive, optimum class size. Such evidence as there is suggests that the ideal pupil-teacher ratio is not one to one. Adults who had individual tutors or governesses when young will testify to that: siblings play as significant a part in education as adults. Below a certain number, probably about 15, pupils start to lose the class dynamic that broadens experience and stimulates competition.

Everybody accepts that class sizes can be too big. Most people, especially those with children of primary age worry about anything over 30. In my experience, 25 is about the right number, assuming that classes are not mixed-age, where the spread of ability and maturity poses additional problems for teachers.

Teachers should not have to face unfair odds

Practical considerations underpin the debate. Of crucial importance is the time a teacher can devote to each pupil for personal support, assessment, perceptual difficulties, and encouragement. Equally, so is the burden on the teacher of marking and correcting: the more meticulously this is done, the better for the child.

The national curriculum is based on the assumption that pupils, individually or in groups, will be at different levels in each subject and will progress at different speeds. While whole-class teaching has its place, and has indeed been rather neglected by some teachers, a part of each day must be reserved for group and individual teaching. The bigger the class, the harder this becomes.

Traditionalists might say the answer is to revert to chalk and talk, claiming that then it does not matter what size the class is. Not too many parents would warm to this, and rightly so.

Schools have to cope with the fact that in few places do parents collectively contrive to produce offspring in neat groups of 25 of each age. It follows that some classes will be bigger than average, some smaller. Heads must also try to make classes smaller at the infant rather than at the junior stage. And that is not easy.

Underlying everything is cost. Even if the extra teachers required to allow for smaller classes could be found, the budget implications would be considerable. Parents are exercised about books, about the state of school buildings and many of them about the level of teachers' pay. Priorities and resourcing take the argument into the political arena.

Teachers' unions will, understandably, put class sizes at the top of the agenda. Ministers will point out that there is more to a good education than class size alone. What is fact is that class sizes and pupil-teacher ratios appear to be rising again as local authority budgets are constrained. There is no good educational reason for this: if 25 seems a sensible sort of level, the existence of too many classes of more than 30 is not good news for pupils, for parents, or for teachers.

Recriminations between central and local government will impress nobody. Either improving education and raising standards is a national priority, or it is not.

If it is, bigger classes are counter-productive: teachers must deliver a great deal, without again facing odds of 35 or 40 to one.

DUNCAN GRAHAM

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan take their time to crush gallant Cougars

Wigan 32
Keighley Cougars 8

BY KEITH MACKLIN

THERE were contrasting experiences for two young players making their first senior appearances in this Regal Trophy second-round game at Central Park yesterday.

Andy Hinchliffe, the former Otley and Yorkshire rugby union centre, was thrown in at the deep end by Peter Roe, the Keighley coach. On the Wigan side was Stuart Turner, signed by Wigan from Widnes for a tribunal-decided peppercorn fee of £6,000. He was pressed into service on the wing by the coach, John Monie, because of Wigan's huge injury list.

Not surprisingly, Turner had the better of it as the first division side recovered from a surprise 8-0 deficit and a first-half struggle to eventually wear down determined Cougars resistance. Turner scored three tries to crown a remarkable debut for a player who was loaned out to Highfield last season.

He would be the first to acknowledge that the spade-work for his tries was done by three experienced internationals. Gregory and Edwards, the half backs, lifted Wigan out of their first-half trough, and the New Zealander, Bell, Turner's centre partner, nursed him well.

On the Keighley side, Hinchliffe had no real running opportunities but he did some fine defensive work as Cougars, like Huddersfield and Batley in the Regal Trophy last week, put up a tremendous fight against illustrious opponents.

Keighley, after taking an 8-0 lead with a brilliant breakaway try by Eyres and two goals from Wasilyw, tackled so well that Monie had to change the Wigan tactics and tell his players: "Forget about going down the middle and run it wide".

The ploy worked perfectly. McGinty's two first-half tries, and two goals from Lydon, gave the below par and often sluggish Wigan team a 12-8 interval lead. In the second half, the gears finally clicked into place under the promptings of Gregory and Edwards.

Turner ran in his three tries and Bell and Myers also outflanked the gallant Keighley defence, though no goals were forthcoming from Lydon or his replacement, Blakeley.

The score at the end looked a comfortable one but Wigan supporters were shaking their heads as they left Central Park. They are not used to seeing battles against lowly opponents and obviously expected 50 or 60 points — an analysis which is unfair to the degrees of courage and skill shown by lower division sides this season.

Injuries may be affectig the Central Park rhythm, and the goal-kicking of Botica is being particularly missed, but this is not yet the Wigan side which shrugged off injuries and swept imperiously to the double last season. However, Wigan have been late starters and decisive finishers many times in the past.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Turner (3), McGinty (2), Bell, Myers. Goals: Lydon (2). Keighley Cougars: Try: Eyres Goals: Wasilyw (2)

WIGAN: J Lydon (sub: S Blakeley); D Myers, S Panapa, D Bell, S Turner; S Edwards, A Gregory; N Cowie, M Dermott, A Platt, D Betts, B McGinty. M Foreshaw (sub: A Farell).

KEIGHLEY COUGARS: J Butterfield, J Wasilyw, P Stephenson, A Hinchliffe, J Walker; K Dixon (sub: H Godfrey); A Eyres, G Hillery, P Moores, S Hall, C Handford (sub: A Paleiei), C Farell, M Keebles.
Referee: C Steele (Cumbria)

RESULTS AND TABLES

REGAL TROPHY: Second round: Bradford 44, Sheffield 10; Carlisle 16, Widnes 30, Oldham 18, St Helens 24, Wakefield 10, Salford 30; Wigan 32 Keighley 8; Featherstone 64, Halifax 18.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Widnes	9	7	0	2	220	132	14
Leeds	10	6	1	3	223	126	13
Warrington	9	6	0	3	177	133	12
Wigan	9	5	0	4	216	158	10
Halifax	9	5	0	4	240	200	10
Salford	10	5	0	5	215	197	10
Castleford	10	5	0	5	182	187	10
Wakefield	10	5	0	5	137	200	10
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Hull KR	9	4	0	5	134	210	8
Featherstne	10	3	0	7	212	283	6
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Bradford	9	1	0	8	144	234	2

SECOND DIVISION: London Crusaders 14, Leigh 4; Workington 20, Ryedale-York 16.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	10	8	1	1	254	154	17
Leigh	11	7	0	4	199	164	14
Rochdale	9	4	2	3	242	170	10
Oldham	10	4	2	4	221	188	10
London Cru	11	5	0	6	172	204	10
Carlisle	9	4	1	4	168	140	9
Workington	10	4	1	5	140	197	9
Ryedale-York	10	0	1	9	133	312	1

THIRD DIVISION: Batley 38, Chorley 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hunslet	10	9	0	1	302	173	18
Batley	10	8	1	1	294	87	17
Dewsbury	10	8	0	2	334	114	16
Huddersfld	10	8	0	2	265	131	16
Bramley	10	7	0	3	257	115	14
Scarboro	10	7	0	3	248	131	14
Barrow	10	6	0	4	190	148	12
Doncaster	10	5	1	4	244	137	11
Keighley	10	4	2	4	229	179	10
Whitehaven	10	3	0	7	194	206	6
Highfield	10	3	0	7	182	246	6
Trafford	10	0	0	10	96	381	0
Chorley	10	0	0	10	85	456	0
Nottingham	10	0	0	10	57	436	0

TENNIS

Top pair confirm dominant position

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN JOHANNESBURG

THE top seeds, John Fitzgerald and Anders Jarryd, won the ATP Standard Bank world doubles title yesterday and ushered South Africa one further step down the road to sporting acceptance.

In tennis terms, the 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 win over the American Davis Cup pair, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, capped a remarkable year for Fitzgerald and Jarryd, who have won three grand slam titles and their last four tournaments. But, coming just two weeks after the historic tour to India by their cricketers, the return of international tennis completes an even more momentous month for South Africa.

After the disruption of the opening day, when 41 demonstrators were arrested, the wisdom of the decision by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) to bring this event — and three more next year — to Johannesburg was being severely questioned. The arrest of 36 more Pan-Africanist Congress supporters outside the stadium yesterday was a reminder of the problems. But the marriage of convenience between the ATP, which needed to revive a dying championships, and the new Tennis South Africa, desperate for international recognition, could prove to be lasting.

With McMillan and Hewitt, Aldrich and Visser, the South Africans have a tradition of good doubles and the 6,000-seat Standard Bank Arena has been packed for the last three days.

Unfortunately for the Americans, who will arrive in Lyons this morning to prepare for the Davis Cup final against France, not even the crowd's enthusiasm could lift them for the first two sets. Having played three matches late at night, they had not adjusted their time-clocks for the noon start requested by television.

Flach raised his game in the third set just as the jitters returned to Jarryd's serve, but when Seguso missed the simplest of volleys to go a break down in the fourth, the top seeds sailed for home and a cheque for £200,000.

"This is the first time I've won this event," Fitzgerald said. "But the most important thing is the advancement of tennis in South Africa. There will be some good players coming out of here in a few years."

RESULTS: Third round: A Jarryd (Swe) and J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt T Witsken (US) and P Galbraith (US), 6-1, 2-6, 7-6. Semi-finals: K Flach and R Seguso (US) bt G Connell and G Michibata (Can), 7-5, 7-6; Jarryd and Fitzgerald bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus), 7-5, 6-2. Final: Fitzgerald and Jarryd bt Flach and Seguso, 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2



Victory salute: Gary Stevens returns in triumph after winning the Japan Cup on Golden Pheasant

Stevens looks to Europe

Richard Evans reports from Tokyo on Golden Pheasant's impressive victory for the United States in the Japan Cup

GARY Stevens, one of the leading American jockeys, steered Golden Pheasant to a surprise win in the Japan Cup here yesterday and then spoke of his wish to ride in Europe in the near future.

"Before I end my career, I would definitely like to ride in England or France. Right now it is just a question of finances. If I can get the right finances together to come, I am very interested in riding in Europe," he said.

The Californian-based jockey, currently third behind Pat Day and Chris McCarron in American earnings this season, added: "Andre Fabre has been very interested in me coming over since 1987. That is the main person I would like to come over and ride for if we can get things worked out."

Stevens, who rode In The Wings to victory for Fabre in last year's Breeders' Cup Turf, stressed that any switch to European racing must happen soon so as not to interrupt the education of his two eldest children, aged eight and seven. "In two or three years time I would not want to go to a place like France to have them change schools."

Golden Pheasant, second behind Old Vic in the Chester Vase when trained as a three-year-old by Clive Brittain, was given a vintage ride by Stevens, in front of 143,000 spectators at Fuchu racecourse, to win by one-and-a-half lengths from Magic Knight, the French filly who followed home Suave Dancer in the Arc.

The victory by the five-year-old represented a magnificent training performance by the former marine Charlie Whittingham, better known in racing circles as the "Bald Eagle". After winning the Arlington Million in September 1990, Golden Pheasant suffered a hairline fracture to a cannon bone.

Given a year off, he gradually regained his form in three races during the past two months, but the American team was far from optimistic, due to Golden Pheasant not enjoying a week in quarantine in Tokyo.

After being nearer last than first for much of the race, Stevens made his move on the 17-1 shot coming round the final bend and struck the front at the 400-metre pole before going on to win the £660,000 first prize for Bruce McNall.

The winning owner is something of an expert at buying former British-trained horses which go on to win top races. He purchased Saumarez prior to winning last year's Arc.

Despite battling on, Magic Knight never looked like catching the lone American runner. Shaftesbury Avenue, the Australian hope, ran on to finish third after suffering considerable bumping on the final bend. Mejiro McQueen, the Japanese-trained even money favourite, finished fourth.

The trio of British-trained horses was disappointing and never really threatened the leaders.

Rock Hopper, last for much of the way, finished best to take seventh place. Drum Taps, who had been bumped near the start, never got into the race and finished eleventh, while Terimon ran out of steam half a mile from home.

Pat Eddery was unshipped by Rock Hopper near the start and that effectively ended his chances. "For some reason, he started to play up just before I went into the stalls. When he went in he could not concentrate, got a little bit excited and came out slowly."

Lanfranco Dettori, rider of Drum Taps, said: "I was close to the first five coming into the straight. They picked up and I didn't because the ground was too firm. On softer ground he would have picked up."

Michael Roberts said Terimon did not get the mile-and-a-half trip. "He was going very nicely on the bridle coming into the straight, but just did not get home."

The betting turnover for the Japan Cup topped £100 million.

Tokyo details

Going: firm
JAPAN CUP (Group I, £686,000: 1m 4f) 1, GOLDEN PHEASANT (G Stevens); 2, Magic Night (A Badel); 3, Shaftesbury Avenue (D Gauci). ALSO RAN (in finishing order): Mejiro McQueen, Rough Habit, Wajd, Rock Hopper, Fujiyama Kenzan, Main Caster, Canib Song, Drum Taps, Terimon, Splash Of Color, Mejiro Ardan, George Monarch. 15 ran. 1½l, 1½l, C Whittingham in US. Pari-mutuel (to 1 win): 18.20; 5.70, 2.50, 5.50. 2min 24.7sec.

Hanley faces long absence

BY KEITH MACKLIN

THE big guns from St Helens, Widnes, Leeds and Wigan all negotiated their passage into next week's third round of the Regal Trophy, but none found it easy. The roughest game was at The Boulevard on Saturday, and officials in Leeds and at Rugby League headquarters will study the video of the incident in which Ellery Hanley suffered a broken jaw very carefully.

While the **Leeds** coach, Doug Laughton, was fairly diplomatic after the hard-fought 12-4 victory over **Hull**, he did say that the video would be played again to see what happened in the tackle that left Hanley flat on his back with anger erupting all around him. The Great Britain captain had an operation yesterday and is likely to be out for two months.

The Leeds victory was clinched by Hanley's vice-captain at international level, the stand-off half, Garry Schofield, who made the first Leeds try for Divorty and scored the second himself with a typical interception and race to the line over 85 metres.



Hanley: broken jaw

Both St Helens and Widnes were made to struggle by second division opposition. **Oldham** held the Saints to 10-10 at half-time, and although the first division leaders went into a 24-10 lead in the second half, Oldham came back at the finish with two tries, one as the final hooter was sounding. Hunte and Ropati each scored two tries for St Helens.

Carlisle put up tough resistance against Widnes, and several times had them rocking. However, Jonathan Davies turned the game as he made a try for Wright and scored a typical individual try himself. Tait touched down twice for Widnes.

It had been expected that the second division leaders, **Sheffield Eagles**, would give **Bradford Northern** a battle at Odsal, but this match was an anti-climax. Northern ran away with it 44-10 after the Eagles defence collapsed in the first half and Northern eased into a 32-0 lead.

Wakefield Trinity had Perry had sent off early in the first half at Belle Vue, and this proved too much for them against an improved **Salford** side, who went into a 14-6 lead at half-time, and scored again three minutes again after the interval.

The highlight for Salford was a 90-metre interception and run by the former Welsh rugby union international wing, Adrian Hadley.

☐ **France** registered their expected victory over **Papua New Guinea** by 28-14, but only after trailing at half-time 8-4. France scored all but one of their five tries in a one-sided second half.

ICE HOCKEY

Nottingham take time to beat Humberside

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

TWO goals in 94 seconds midway through the third period took Nottingham Panthers to Autumn Cup success over Humberside Seahawks, but the 7-5 score did scant justice to Nottingham, who were clearly the better team.

They led 3-0 at the end of the first period, although there was controversy and good fortune surrounding all three goals.

Humberside drew within one goal early in the second period and, after Simon Hunt's second goal, two bad mistakes by David Graham in the Nottingham goal allowed them to draw level by the second interval.

Dan Dorion scored twice and Hunt scored his third to take Nottingham out of reach with ten minutes remaining.

More than 9,000 tickets were sold for the two finals at Sheffield Arena on Saturday and the crowd was treated to the closest possible contest in the Autumn Trophy final before **Swindon Wildcats** prevailed over **Milton Keynes Kings**, 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out after a 5-5 draw.

Having lost 13-3 to the same opponents a week before, Milton Keynes were very much the underdogs, but they led 4-0 at the first interval and Swindon were grateful to Ian Woodward, their goaltender, for ensuring that they were not further behind. Woodward saved three of the five penalty shots he faced and, with their extra depth of talent and experience, Swindon had just enough to secure their first trophy.

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TABLE TENNIS

Chinese seize chance

FROM RICHARD EATON
IN BARCELONA

CHINA broke three years of Swedish domination by beating them 3-0 in the World Cup here yesterday. The Swedes badly missed their world champion, Jorgen Persson, who was unable to play because of a knee injury.

Nevertheless, the Chinese, beaten in the last two world championship finals and in last year's World Cup final by the Swedes, saw their chance and took it magnificently.

Ma Wenge, the little world No. 7, attacked with more consistency and more concentration than the former world champion, Jan-Ove Waldner, and beat him 21-23, 21-13, 21-17 in the opening contest.

Wang Tao, an aggressive left-hander, put China 2-0 up by making a push at the right time to beat the world doubles champion, Peter Karlsson, 21-16 in the third game.

Victory was ensured by Wang Hao, who was often better both in attack and defence than the Olympic bronze medal winner, Erik Lindh, and won in straight games.

The Chinese women's team retained its title, beating South Korea 3-1.

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HOCKEY

Nail makes key impact for Havant

Southgate 1
Havant 2

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

HAVANT survived their first big test in the Pizza Express National League yesterday against Southgate in a game of hard tackling and strong running at Broomfield School.

Splendid goalkeeping by Rowlands held back Southgate, who launched a fierce counter-offensive after losing ground. For the first 15 minutes, Havant played like champions to lead 2-0 but once Southgate hit back, a battle of attrition began.

Southgate were held together in defence by Soma Singh and Duthie, with Shaw working hard in midfield. Havant's inspiration was provided by Nail, with Cooper and Garcia setting a fast pace in front. It was Nail who put Havant on the road to victory with a sparkling run through the middle and a timely pass to Garcia, who dispatched a soft shot past the unsighted Shier in the Southgate goal.

After Southgate had squandered their first short corner, Havant went further ahead in the fourteenth minute from a similar award, Hill finding the target with a strong push. But for a good save by Shier, off Williams, Southgate might well have been three goals down.

Southgate reduced the deficit in the twentieth minute with Duthie scoring on the follow-up from a short corner. A renewal of endeavour by Southgate forced Rowlands to save from Waugh.

In the ten minutes before the interval, Southgate had two chances to level the match. Waugh missed the target from a short corner and Rowlands saved well from Freeman. Immediately before the interval, Shier deprived Havant of a goal with a save off Coleman.

Havant dominated the early minutes of the second half without reward. Southgate, making more frequent use of rolling substitutes, varied their approach, with Danny Kerry taking over from his brother, Sean, and then coming back later. As the pace intensified, Shaw, the Southgate captain, fired a shot wide of the far post. Havant were quick to retaliate and in the end, a superb effort by Shier enabled him to block a shot from Williams. Havant held on but a draw would not have flattered Southgate.

SOUTHGATE: M Shier; Soma Singh, G Gisborne, P Boxall, J Duthie, J Shaw (capt), N Clark, W Waugh, C Gray, R Freeman, S Kerry.
HAVANT: S Rowlands; D Cunliffe, R Hill, D Faulkner (capt), P Nail, G Roberts, J Snell, R Garcia, D Williams, C Cooper, M Coleman.
Umpires: K Roper (Northern Counties), M Martin (Southern Counties).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 1, Stourport 5; Bromley 0, Firebrands 1; East Grinstead 5, Lyons 1, Hounslow 4, Indian Gymkhana 0, Old Loughtonians 4, St Albans 2, Slough 1, Trojans 0, Southgate 1, Havant 2, Teddington 4, Neston 2; Welton 2, Cannock 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	9	8	1	0	28	12	25
Hounslow	9	7	2	0	29	11	23
E Grinstead	9	6	1	2	30	13	19
Teddington	9	6	2	1	29	11	20
Stourport	9	6	2	1	20	11	20
Southgate	9	6	1	2	30	13	19
Slough	9	3	4	2	20	14	13
O Loughts	9	4	1	4	17	15	13
St Albans	9	4	1	4	19	20	13
Cannock	9	3	1	5	18	20	10
Firebrands	9	3	1	5	13	16	10
Trojans	9	3	1	5	9	19	10
Bromley	9	2	3	4	11	14	9
Welton	9	2	1	6	9	17	7
Neston	9	1	3	5	10	18	6
Bournville	9	1	3	5	8	26	6
Indian Gym	9	1	0	8	3	36	3
Lyons	9	0	0	9	5	22	0

SECOND DIVISION: Bournemouth 0, Richmond 3; Brean 2, Barford Tigers 1; Cambridge City 1, Chelmsford 1; Gore Court 1, Cheltenham 1; Guildford 4, Formby 1; Harborne 2, Isca 3; Reading 5, Warrington 3; Surbiton 1, Canterbury 0; Wakefield 0, Doncaster 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Isca	9	7	0	2	20	12	21
Reading	9	6	2	1	37	15	20
Doncaster	9	6	2	1	19	7	20
Surbiton	9	6	2	1	28	17	20
Guildford	9	6	1	2	24	16	19
Richmond	9	4	3	2	15	10	15
Canterbury	9	4	2	3	14	11	14
Cambridge City	9	3	4	2	17	12	13
Harborne	9	4	0	5	20	16	12
Barford Tigers	9	2	5	2	18	13	11
Chelmsford	9	1	6	2	15	16	9
Brean	9	2	3	4	10	11	9
Cheltenham	9	2	3	4	14	15	9
Warrington	9	1	6	2	13	15	9
Formby	9	2	2	5	10	21	8
Gore Court	9	1	4	4	8	18	7
Bournemouth	9	1	1	7	13	28	4
Wakefield	9	0	0	9	2	45	0

Thompson goals keep Hounslow in pursuit

ROBERT Thompson scored three goals for Hounslow, who stayed second behind Havant in the first division of the Pizza Express National League with a 4-0 victory over Indian Gymkhana yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

Two goals apiece from Wallis and Leman helped **East Grinstead** move into third position with a 5-1 win over **Lyons**, who have now lost nine successive matches.

Victories for **Teddington** and **Stourport** enabled them to take fourth and fifth place respectively, pushing Southgate down to sixth after their 2-1 defeat by **Havant**. McGuire scored twice for **Teddington**, who beat **Neston** 4-2. **Old Loughtonians** beat **St Albans** by the same score. An eighth-minute goal by Maskery brought **Slough** a 1-0 victory over **Trojans**.

Isca stayed on top of the second division with a hard-earned 3-2 victory over **Harborne**. Osborn scored five goals for **Reading** in the 5-3 win over **Warrington** to stay second. **Doncaster's** 4-0 win over **Wakefield** pushed them up to third.

CYCLING

Britain's hopes receding

BY PETER BRYAN

BRITAIN never emerged from the shadow of talented continentals in a weekend of cyclo-cross defeats that augured badly for home riders in the world championships at Leeds in February.

On the Roundhay Park championship course, the Nations Cup races on Saturday highlighted the gap. On his introduction to the three-kilometres Leeds circuit, Thomas Frischknecht, the Swiss amateur world champion, survived one contretemps with a tree, another fall and had to settle for third place behind his compatriot, Dieter Runkel, and Wim de Vos (Netherlands). Home riders were trailing before the end of the first lap.

Chris Young, the MBK professional and national champion, was highest placed after a heated finish with Steve Douce (Dawes), who crossed the line ahead but lost his 12th place for impeding the champion.

The pattern was much the same yesterday in the second round of the National Trophy series at Wolverhampton where Young was beaten into third place by two Germans.

NATIONAL TROPHY (15 miles): 1, T Berner (Ger), 1hr 02min 41sec; 2, J Ahrenz (Ger), at 17; 3, C Young (MBK), at 36. Overall (after two races): 1, S Douce, 70pts. Junior event: 1, R Hammond.

Grange Brake set for treble

WITH 16 winners in the bag already this season, Nigel Twiston-Davies now needs just two more two to equal his previous best total.

Twiston-Davies can move one step closer to that fine achievement by winning the Reynoldstown Cup at Wolverhampton today with **Grange Brake**.

The five-year-old has already made two positive contributions to the stable's tally this season by winning both his races at Uttoxeter.

On the first occasion he became the fourth leg of that excellent four-timer for the Gloucestershire trainer, while on the second he proved too strong for the favourite, Transmit, who was backed as if defeat was out of the question following a good victory first time out.

The stamina that Grange Brake has shown on both occasions should stand him in good stead now that he is being confronted by Peter Easterby's recent Haydock winner, Bollin Patrick, and Dakyns Boy, who won a bumper for John Edwards at Fairyhouse in Ireland last season after scoring earlier at Bangor.

Today's programme on the Midlands track begins with an interesting steeplechase for novices, primarily featuring Deplete, Springaleak and Dusty Miller.

Well as Deplete won over today's course and distance a fortnight ago, I still prefer the Oliver Sherwood-trained **Springaleak**, who also made a successful start to her chasing career at Wincanton.

Simon Sherwood, the younger of the two brothers, has decided to fan the flames of interest by running Dusty Miller, who was about as good as Springaleak over hurdles.

However, Springaleak now has both fitness and experience on her side, which should compensate for the fact that she has to give Dusty Miller weight.

If Deplete fails to win this time, consolation for his jockey, Richard Dunwoody, can come in the form of winning the Widow Twankee Handicap Chase on **Whatever You Like**, who is a half-brother to the reigning two-mile champion chaser, Katabatic.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Whatever You Like, even on his seasonal debut, looks nap material in this company following a first season over fences that took in a couple of decent races at Newbury.

Miss Pokey, who was a noticed sixth behind Burgoyne, can defy top weight in the Grand Theatre Handicap Hurdle, more especially since Burgoyne went on to run such a gallant race behind Cab On Target at Newbury on Saturday.

At Catterick, Cab On Target's trainer Mary Reveley can remain on target by landing a treble with **Fooling With Pleasure** (1.10), **Hi Jane** (2.40) and **Kagram Queen** (3.10).

Since there is nothing between Simple Pleasure and Tresidder on form as far as the W L & Hector Christie Memorial Trophy is concerned, I am happy to side with Hi Jane, even though she fell first time out.

Last season she took well to chasing, capturing a handicap over today's course and distance after winning against novices at Market Rasen (twice) and Wetherby.

Bradbury Star, who was my choice to win the valuable H & T Walker Gold Cup at Ascot earlier this month, is taken to enjoy a morale-boosting win by landing the *Daily Mail* Novices' Chase at Folkestone, having got no further than the first fence on the Berkshire track.

Before that his jumping at Kempton and Warwick had been faultless.

Cool And Easy (3.30) looks another winner for Josh Gifford.

WOLVERHAMPTON

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
12.50 Springaleak.	12.50 Springaleak.	12.50 SPRINGALEAK (nap).
1.20 Pacific Sound.	1.20 Perry Well.	
1.50 WHATEVER YOU LIKE (nap).	1.50 Highfire.	
2.20 Grange Brake.	2.20 Dakyns Boy.	
2.50 Passed Pawn.	2.50 Passed Pawn.	
3.20 Miss Pokey.	3.20 Acrow Line.	

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 ACROW LINE.

GUIDE TO WOLVERHAMPTON RACECARD

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ..... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor. H — hood. E — eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

12.50 GENIE OF THE LAMP NOVICES CHASE (£2,319: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1	5/3FF9-1	DEPLETE 14 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Wilson) D Nicholson 8-11-4	R Dunwoody	97
2	13111-1	SPRINGALEAK 18 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 8-10-13	J Osborne	95
3	00/300/	BIG OSCAR 587 (Pell-mell Partners) K Bailey 7-10-12	A Tory	—
4	5384/23-	CREEAGER 17F (G,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 9-10-12	S J O'Neill	● 99
5	6332/	ERRANT KNIGHT 1008 (Mrs N Bird) M Pipe 7-10-12	—	—
6	522120-	ITS NEARLY TIME 219 (S) (Mrs R Brackenbury) Mrs R Brackenbury 8-10-12	N Mann	94
7	34/6F5/	PARSONS PLEASURE 658 (R Tompkins) M Wilkinson 8-10-12	R Supple	—
8	0P0-FPU	ROMANY SPLIT 11 (Mrs S Lockhart) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12	C Llewellyn	—
9	1/00/3-3	SPACE FAIR 14 (F,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 8-10-12	J Shortt	95
10	0/3U3P-P	THE CITY MINSTREL 20 (G) (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 6-10-12	N Williamson	—
11	0-	WELL WRAPPED 578 (Lord Chelsea) Miss H Knight 7-10-12	B Dowling	—
12	00/	YOUNG ORPHEUS 996 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 7-10-12	D Byrne	—
13	1R2122-	DUSTY MILLER 229 (G) (Mrs S Kelly) S Sherwood 5-10-11	M Richards	—
14	4/P0P-PF	MY BROTHER CLIFF 37 (M Hines-Randle) P Blockley 5-10-11	—	—
15	500-154	FAST CRUISE 24 (BF,G,S) (Echoline Ltd) E Owen jun 5-10-7	R Stronge	—

BETTING: 9-4 Springaleak, 7-2 Deplete, 5-1 Dusty Miller, 6-1 Errant Knight, 8-1 Space Fair, 10-1 Its Nearly Time, 12-1 Creeager, 14-1 Fast Cruise, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DEPLETE overcame errors when beating Manders Way 1l over course and distance (good). SPRINGALEAK made impressive chasing debut when beating Beresford Girl (levels) 5l at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to firm). CREEAGER 2l 3rd to Cardinal Ralph (levels) at Leicester (2m 4f, good). ITS NEARLY TIME 3½l 2nd to Wagon Load (rec 8lb) at Newbury (2m 4f, nov h'cap hdle, good to soft) on penultimate start. SPACE FAIR 5½l 3rd to Catch The Cross over course and distance (good to firm). DUSTY MILLER, a useful hurdler with a chasing pedigree, ¾l 2nd to Pardon Me Sir at Ascot (2m 4f nov hdle, good). FAST CRUISE beat Abigails Dream (gave 9lb) 1½l here on seasonal debut (2m h'cap hdle, good). Selection: CREEAGER.

1.20 JIMMY KRANKIE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,174: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

1	50/2-51F	PACIFIC SOUND 12 (G) (D Stephenson) Mrs S Smith 8-11-11	R Stronge	90
2	F4FP1-F	PERRY WELL 10 (G) (A Grazebrook) K Bailey 7-11-6	S McNeill	● 99
3	020P-P0	JIMSTRO 18 (A Bennett) D Wintle 6-11-4	P McDermott	98
4	/P4-4F5	PHILIPINTOWN LAD 21 (E Mangan) K Burke 8-10-12	R Dunwoody	85
5	00/PP4-5	BEACH TIGER 18 (Mrs A Garrett) J King 7-10-10	J Kavanagh (3)	—
6	6-F3654	JURANSTAN 9 (B) (Arrow Valley Transport Ltd) C Tristiine 8-10-10	R Bellamy (3)	91

BETTING: 9-4 Perry Well, 11-4 Pacific Sound, 7-2 Juranstan, 6-1 Jimstro, 10-1 Philipintown Lad, 12-1 Beach Tiger.

1990 (non-handicap): BRADWALL 6-10-12 S J O'Neill (8-11 fav) G Barlow 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

PACIFIC SOUND close 3rd when falling 2 out in race won by Real Class at Haydock (3m, good to firm); earlier beat Just Pretend ¾l at Sedgefield (2m 4f, good). PERRY WELL fell at 2nd in race won by Gladiogetit at Ascot (3m, good); earlier beat Petty Bridge 3½l at Towcester (3m 99yd, nov h'cap hdle, good). BEACH TIGER 48l 5th to The Forties with JIMSTRO (8lb worse) tailed off 9th at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good). PHILIPINTOWN LAD 15l 5th to Selemander Joe here (3m 1f, good to firm). JURANSTAN 22l 4th to Mossy Fern at Warwick (2m 4f, good). Selection: PACIFIC SOUND (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	22	54	40.7	P Scudamore	23	68	34.8
D Nicholson	12	49	24.5	M Richards	3	10	30.0
R Holder	9	46	19.6	R Dunwoody	19	89	21.3
J Edwards	10	54	18.5	N Mann	5	24	20.8
R Lee	7	44	15.9	N Williamson	3	15	20.0
K Bailey	3	21	14.3	R Bellamy	3	16	18.8

CATTERICK BRIDGE

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
12.40 Pinemartin.	12.40 Potato Picker.	3.10 Kagram Queen.
1.10 Fooling With Fire.	1.10 Fooling With Fire.	
1.40 Wayside Boy.	1.40 Wayside Boy.	
2.10 Rage.	2.10 Skolem.	
2.40 Hi Jane.	2.40 Marejo.	
3.10 Kagram Queen.	3.10 Crimson Cloud.	
3.40 Spartan Ranger.	3.40 Festival Fancy.	

GOING: GOOD

12.40 NOVEMBER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,143: 3m 1f 80yd) (7 runners)

1	212122	PINEMARTIN 4 (F,G) (Mrs A Martin) G Richards 8-12-0	N Leach (3)	93
2	0118-04	POTATO PICKER 14 (G,S) (C Foster) B McLean 10-11-13	N Smith	91
3	3533F3-	BOW HANDY MAN 193 (CD,G,S) (D Morland) Denys Smith 9-11-5	P Waggott (3)	90
4	2-23FPP	IMPERTAIN 17 (F) (R Blakenson) T Cunningham 11-10-13	A Larnach (3)	● 99
5	5/4031-P	BRIG'S GAZELLE 23 (G) (Mrs C Park) I Park 9-10-7	J Callaghan	86
6	244-10P	CHIPCHASE 14 (F,G,S) (P Jackson) B Wilkinson 11-10-5	R Hodge	94
7	P/PP-P0	ANTHONY HILL 14 (B) (A Kershaw) N Bycroft 10-10-0	F Murtagh	—

BETTING: 5-4 Pinemartin, 11-4 Bow Handy Man, 4-1 Potato Picker, 10-1 Chipchase, 12-1 Brig's Gazelle, 14-1 Impertain, 33-1 Anthony Hill.

1990: THE MALTKILN 7-11-3 J Callaghan (11-4 fav) M Hammond 5 ran

1.10 WHITE HORSE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,300: 2m) (6 runners)

1	060	MAXTON 19 (M Boyd) R Allan 5-11-0	B Storey	—
2	00/0	POLARIS 10 (Mrs M Underwood) N Chamberlain 5-11-0	K Jones	—
3	3	RICHARDSON 9 (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0	M Dwyer	—
4	000-26	TROODOS 17 (A Forty) Mrs S Austin 5-11-0	D Wilkinson	● 99
5	1-43	FOOLING WITH FIRE 37 (BF,F) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9	P Niven	—
6	8-	GARDA KATE 247 (T Clegg) T Tate 4-10-9	W Fry (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Richardson, 3-1 Fooling With Fire, 7-2 Troodos, 6-1 Garda Kate, 12-1 Maxton, 14-1 Polaris.

1990: FLIGHT HILL 6-11-0 P Niven (7-2) Mrs G Reveley 8 ran

1.40 WAKEFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£2,119: 2m) (11 runners)

1	0005P-1	ROSSVILLE 9 (D,G) (J Charlton) J Charlton 8-11-5	B Storey	99
2	1161-63	COSMIC RAY 58 (F,G,S) (Sunpak Potatoes) Mrs V Aconley 6-11-0	D Bentley (7)	—
3	00P-0	ITYFUL 24 (D Lennon) B Wildinson 5-11-0	P Harley	91
4	313442-	LEACROFT 202 (G) (W Haigh) W Haigh 7-11-0	A Merrigan	—
5		MASTER EVAN (N Miller) N Miller 5-11-0	T Reed	—
6	/03P3-F	PERFECTLY POSSIBLE 4 (Quest Design Print Ltd) R Earnshaw 6-11-0	F Murtagh (7)	—
7	F000-60	POSITIVE ACTION 17 (G Campbell) M Barnes 5-11-0	Mr S Swiers	—
8	5/2234-P	REVARO 24 (G Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-0	P Niven	—
9	000/0-5	ROOSTERS TIPPLE 54 (D'Bell) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-0	M Dwyer	—
10	1/0P0/	ROYAL ILLUSION 674 (G,S) (J Liatmann) G Moore 7-11-0	M Moloney (3)	● 99
11	486P-2U	WAYSIDE BOY 4 (E Madden) G Richards 6-11-0	M Dwyer	—

BETTING: 5-2 Wayside Boy, 7-2 Leacroft, 5-1 Cosmic Ray, 6-1 Rossville, 8-1 Revaro, 12-1 Roosters Tipple, 14-1 Royal Illusion, 16-1 others.

1990: UNCLE ERNIE 5-11-0 M Dwyer (5-2 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8 ran

2.10 BRADFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,563: 2m) (13 runners)

1	PP5-U40	SKOLERN 19 (V,CD,F,G) (I Greaves) A Harrison 7-11-10	J Callaghan	98
2	520-355	CLASSIC SUITE 6 (G Famdon) R Woodhouse 5-11-8	M Dwyer	94
3	55PP-20	MOURADABIA 38 (CD,F,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 8-11-5	J Supple (7)	97
4	22144-0	A GENTLEMAN TWO 26 (G) (Kirkless Rock Asphalt Ltd) J Eyre 5-11-5	A Mulholland	88
5	30035-6	DANCING DAYS 6 (V) (J Parker) J Parker 5-11-3	N Smith (5)	92
6	P-444P8	BELFORT PRINCE 2 (B,D,F,G) (T Forbes) A Forbes 4-10-13	T Eley (7)	● 99
7	0205-05	HAGLER 13 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 9-10-9	A Merrigan	92
8	0630-16	RAGE 44 (V,D,BF,F) (P Hurst) M H Easterby 4-10-9	L Wyer	97
9	04-2345	STAND AT EASE 5 (D Neale) W Storey 8-10-8	K Doolan	98
10	354F/00	SECRET CONTRACT 13F (P Willis) R Barr 6-10-0	B Storey	—
11	536-3	GREENORE ROSE 54 (Langdale Racing Stables) H Whiting 5-10-0	G Dennis (3)	86
12	0FP5P0-	RED PLANET 308 (B,F) (Mrs A Turner) D Turner 6-10-0	F Murtagh (3)	80
13	PP0-	CHANTERESSE 205 (W Smith) W Smith 4-10-0	N Bentley (7)	—

Long handicap: Greenore Rose 9-9, Red Planet 9-1, Chanteresse 9-7.

BETTING: 7-2 Rage, 9-2 Mouradabia, 5-1 Greenore Rose, 6-1 A Gentleman Two, 7-1 Classic Suite, 8-1 Skolem, 12-1 Hagler, Stand At Ease, 14-1 others.

1990: DAMART 8-11-5 A J Quinn (5-1) Miss L Siddall 14 ran

1.50 WIDOW TWANKEE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,224: 2m) (6 runners)

1	1PP4-R4	DEEP FLASH 23 (F,S) (D) (D Davies) M Charles 8-12-0	Judy Davies (7)	90
2	10/4122-	WHATEVER YOU LIKE 257 (D,G,S) (A Ennever) N Henderson 7-10-10	R Dunwoody	94
3	448121-	SIKERA SPY 181 (F) (Plancon Builders) Mrs A Hewitt 9-10-8	S J O'Neill	● 99
4	41P3/22-	HIGHFIRE 333 (F) (G Monahan) K Bailey 9-10-7	A Tory	91
5	12F000-	MAJOR EFFORT 319 (D,F,S) (Mrs F Harvey) O Sherwood 6-10-0	M Richards	87
6	/4/002-6	MERCURY MOON 16 (J Watson) Mrs J Croft 6-10-0	W Humphreys	—

Long handicap: Major Effort 9-7, Mercury Moon 8-7.

BETTING: 5-4 Whatever You Like, 3-1 Sikera Spy, 7-2 Highfire, 6-1 Major Effort, 12-1 Deep Flash, 33-1 Mercury Moon.

1990: MASTER RAJH 6-11-4 M Lynch (13-8 fav) J Chugg 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEEP FLASH, former useful chaser who has deteriorated, 35l last of 4 to Fragrant Dawn at Warwick (2m hdle, good to firm). WHATEVER YOU LIKE 25l 2nd to High Know (levels) at Chepstow (2m, good to soft). SIKERA SPY beat Outlaw 8l at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good to firm). HIGHFIRE nk 2nd to Woodland Retreat over course and distance (good). MAJOR EFFORT has been running over hurdles; last chasing appearance 12l 2nd to Elfie Boy here (2m 4f, good to firm). Selection: HIGHFIRE

2.20 REYNOLDSTOWN CUP (Novices hurdle: grade II: £5,110: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1	1260-11	GRANGE BRAKE 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4	C Llewellyn	92
2	5663UP-	ASTRE RADIEUX 268 (G,S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 5-11-0	M Perrett	88
3	1	BOLLIN PATRICK 12 (F) (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 6-11-0	R Garritty	● 98
4	0-	BROCKLEY HILL LAD 191 (P Kelly) J O'Shea 5-11-0	D Byrne	—
5	1/311-	DAKYNS BOY 236 (S) (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-0	N Williamson	—
6	385132	FIGHTING JESSICA 3 (G) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 5-11-0	R Supple	92
7	B0222-1	WICKET 91 (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 6-10-9	J Shortt	93

BETTING: 5-2 Grange Brake, 3-1 Bollin Patrick, 7-2 Dakyns Boy, 5-1 Fighting Jessica, 8-1 Wicket, 16-1 Astre Radieux, 33-1 Brockley Hill Lad.

1990: TYRONE BRIDGE 4-11-0 R Dunwoody (1-2 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRANGE BRAKE beat Transmit 1½l at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good to soft). ASTRE RADIEUX has been running over fences; previously 12½l 3rd to Tom Clapton at Lingfield (AW, 2m nov hdle, standard). BOLLIN PATRICK beat Bighayir 5l at Haydock (2m, good to firm). DAKYNS BOY beat Buckingham Gate 10l at Fairyhouse (2m NH flat, good to soft). FIGHTING JESSICA 3l 2nd to Vicompt De Valmont at Newbury (2m 4f, good to soft). WICKET beat Just A Wonder ¾l at Southwell (AW, 2m 2f, standard). Selection: GRANGE BRAKE

2.50 ALADDIN NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,537: 2m) (12 runners)

1	1131	PASSED PAWN 3 (D,BF,G) (Pipe Scudamore Racing II Plc) M Pipe 11-12	P Scudamore	● 99
2	0PP-9	ROYAL RUPERT 14 (R Tabarner) R Jackes 11-12	M A Fitzgerald (7)	73
3	220P-05	EMERALD RULER 7 (B) (R Nicholls) F Jordan 11-10	J Lodder	81
4	6	SHIKARI KID 12 (G Corbett) S Norton 11-8	S J O'Neill	90
5	P0-504	BAND OF HOPE 14 (N Brown) W Clay 11-7	J Driscoll (7)	80
6		RACING RASKAL 37F (Mrs G Rees) J H Wilson 11-2	D Byrne	—
7	055-50	TARTAR'S BOW 9 (W Reid) R Holder 11-2	R Dunwoody	94
8	063-0	ARTILLERY FLIGHT 14 (D Travers-Clark) A Chamberlain 11-0	Lorna Vincent	70
9		NUCLEAR EXPRESS 13P (Mrs J Bresse) D Wintle 11-0	Martin Jones	—
10		MISTY GLOW 33F (W Haigh) W Haigh 10-13	R Garritty	—
11	054910	PLAY THE BLUES 20 (D,F) (J Joseph) R Frost 10-13	J Frost	89
12	4	UNINVITED 10 (Countrywide Classics) J Glover 10-11	S D Williams (7)	95

BETTING: 11-8 Passed Pawn, 9-2 Tartar's Bow, 6-1 Uninvited, 8-1 Emerald Ruler, 10-1 Shikari Kid, 12-1 Royal Rupert, 14-1 Band Of Hope, 16-1 Play The Blues, Misty Glow, 20-1 others.

1990: SPARKLER GEBE 11-0 M Richards (14-1) P Bailey 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

PASSED PAWN beat Ilewin (rec 6lb) 3l at Leicester (2m, good). ROYAL RUPERT 25l 3rd to Able Player with BAND OF HOPE (6lb better) 9¾l 4th over course and distance (good to soft). EMERALD RULER 8½l 5th to Shadow Run at Bangor (2m h'cap, good to soft). SHIKARI KID 15¾l 6th to Bollin Patrick at Haydock (2m, good to firm). TARTAR'S BOW 21¾l 8th to Light Veneer at Warwick (2m, good). PLAY THE BLUES beat Ilewin (rec 1lb) 7¾l Stratford (2m, good to firm). UNINVITED 11l 4th to Sendal at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good). Selection: UNINVITED

3.20 GRAND THEATRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,669: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 runners)

1	1268F-6	MISS POKEY 18 (F,S) (D Brown) R Holder 5-11-10	N Mann	88
2	10244-4	CHARLIE DICKINS 12 (S) (Dickins Ltd) S Mellor 7-11-8	M Perrett	90
3	22122/6	LOBRIC 10 (F,G) (T Ounsley) J Jenkins 6-10-12	R Dunwoody	—
4	0320-P5	QUEEN'S ANTHEM 6 (D,S) (Mrs D Thompson) R Dickin 8-10-11	Martin Jones	95
5	021-22S	JASMIN PATH 11 (D,F,G) (R Houlton) O Brennan 6-10-11	J Osborne	88
6	0-31425	SPORTING IDOL 32 (F) (T Cunningham Ltd) J O'Shea 6-10-8	D Byrne	96
7	012U22	FINGERS CROSSED 11 (BF,F,S) (Mrs M Nicholls) O Brennan 7-10-6	D Bridgwater	92
8	23650-2	ACROW LINE 21 (F) Williams) D Burchell 6-10-0	D J Burchell	● 99

Long handicap: Acrow Line 9-12.

BETTING: 7-2 Charlie Dickins, 4-1 Miss Pokey, 9-2 Acrow Line, 5-1 Fingers Crossed, 6-1 Jasmin Path, 8-1 Lobric, 10-1 Sporting Idol, 12-1 Queen's Anthem.

1990: CATCH THE CROSS 4-9-10 M Foster (9-4 fav) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISS POKEY 18l 6th to Burgoyne at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good). CHARLIE DICKINS 9½l 4th to Trimlough at Haydock (2m, good to firm). LOBRIC 21l 6th to Corn Lily at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good). QUEEN'S ANTHEM 14¼l 5th to Mr Lion at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, soft). FINGERS CROSSED 20l 2nd to Welsh Commander at Towcester with JASMIN PATH (1lb better) in contention when slipping up 3 out (2m 5f, good to firm); earlier JASMIN PATH 3l 2nd to Lafkadio at Market Rasen (2m 6f, firm). SPORTING IDOL 22l 5th to Cosmic Dancer at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f, standard). ACROW LINE 2l 2nd to Emerald Sunset here (2m 4f, good). Selection: CHARLIE DICKINS

2.40 W L AND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,217: 2m) (6 runners)

1	1060-32	TRESIDDER 13 (CD,BF,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 9-12-0	L Wyer	96
2	421131-	MACARTHUR 233 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 5-11-10	G McCourt	92
3	242332-	MAREJO 180 (CD,G,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 10-11-4	B Storey	95
4	11F12-F	HI JANE 17 (CD,F,G,S) (W Barker) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-5	P Niven	90
5	11-2151	SIMPLE PLEASURE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Stirk) Mrs M Stirk 8-10-3	A Orkney	● 99
6	F4-U561	AFRICAN SAFARI 6 (D,F) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 (4ex)	J Callaghan	87

Long handicap: African Safari 9-7.

BETTING: 11-4 Macarthur, 3-1 Simple Pleasure, 7-2 Hi Jane, 9-2 Tresidder, 6-1 Marejo, 7-1 African Safari.

1990: BEAU GUEST 11-1 D Byrne (4-7 fav) J Parkes 3 ran

3.10 LEEDS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,300: 2m) (19 runners)

1	134	CRIMSON CLOUD 9 (D,G) (Mrs S Oakes) N Tinkler 11-7	G McCourt	—
2	312	GO TALLY-HO 26 (V,D,BF,F) (Mrs C Berry) J J O'Neill 11-2	C Grant	—
3	41	KAGRAM QUEEN 20 (D,F) (Mrs E Kettlewell) Mrs G Reveley 11-2	P Niven	—
4	0	AL SABAK 13 (N Miller) N Miller 11-0	B Catford (7)	—
5	0	DUNSTABLE 28 (Mrs W Beaumont) B Rothwell 11-0	B Storey	—
6	P	ELVETT BRIDGE 9 (D Franks) D Franks 11-0	K Jones	—
7	4	FIT THE BILL 23 (Mrs S Walker) J Wainwright 11-0	R Marley	—
8	653	KHOJOHN 6 (R Newsome) R Woodhouse 11-0	J J Quinn	—
9		NO SID NO STARS 48F (Mrs M Bird) G Moore 11-0	M Dwyer	—
10	36	NOWHISKI 11 (Mrs P Butler) H Collingridge 11-0	V Smith	—
11	005	SIMONE'S SON 33 (Mrs D Grant) J J O'Neill 11-0	F Murtagh (7)	—
12		TINDARI 93F (J Jefferson) J Jefferson 11-0	B Dalton (7)	—
13		WOTAMISTAKATOMAKA 56F (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 11-0	S Turner	—
14		BROOKSIDE ROSE 17F (P Spencer) R Woodhouse 10-9	T Reed	—
15	0	CHARLYCIA 13 (Mrs V Robson) R Earnshaw 10-9	S Mason (7)	—
16		GREAT FUN 16F (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 10-9	L Wyer	—
17		NELSON'S LASS 40F (Nelson Unit Ltd) Mrs S Austin 10-9	D Wilkinson	—
18	F	OLD PEG 6 (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 10-9	R Fahey	—
19	543	PATSY'S PET 13 (M Rozenbroek) T Fairhurst 10-9	N Bentley (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Go Tally-Ho, 4-1 Crimson Cloud, 5-1 Kagram Queen, 7-1 Patsy's Pet, 8-1 No Sid No Stars, 10-1 Great Fun, Simone's Son, 14-1 others.

1990: LONGSHOREMAN 11-0 G McCourt (11-4) N Tinkler 12 ran

3.40 LEVY BOARD STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £1,670: 2m) (21 runners)

1	10-	DANCING HOLLY 219 (G) (R Wood) M Avison 4-11-7	L Mullaney (7)	—
2		COMING ALIVE (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-11-0	A Larnach (7)	—
3		CROOKED DEALER (Watership Down Racing) S Sherwood 4-11-0	T Storrar (7)	—
4	0-	LITTLE SPUR 198 (Mrs E Bradley) R Earnshaw 5-11-0	S Mason (7)	—
5	3-3	MAN OF THE GRANGE 45 (R Marshall) O Brennan 5-11-0	S Ryan (7)	—
6		MURPHY STREET (C McDonagh) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0	V Slattery (5)	—
7	0	RED UNDER THE BED 9 (M Stannard) Mrs S Bramall 4-11-0	N O'Connor (7)	—
8		RUSTIC AIR (Mrs B Eve) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0	W Dwan (7)	—
9	2-3	SPARTAN RANGER 9 (Mrs J Milligan) M Hammond 5-11-0	Mr S Lyons (7)	—
10		STORMIN' NORMAN (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0	D Sullivan (7)	—
11		VIVA BELLA (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 4-11-0	J H Burke (7)	—
12		WALDORF T BEAGLE (S Astaire) C Egerton 5-11-0	Mr S Astaire	—
13	5	WILLIE THE BUILDER 53 (D Langdon) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0	D Bentley (7)	—
14	4	WINTER OATS 37 (Major F Ingham) B Wilkinson 4-11-0	Miss S Lamb (7)	—
15		ANCODIA (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-10-9	N Bentley (7)	—
16		DIDSBURY RED (W Smith) W Smith 4-10-9	R Hodge (7)	—
17		FESTIVAL FANCY (M McGovern) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9	Mr C Mulhall	—
18		LAURA LAGER (I Perk) I Park 5-10-9	A Nixon (7)	—
19		MIDNIGHT FLOTILLA (Mrs G Andrews) J Eyre 5-10-9	N Smith (5)	—
20		SASKIA'S SILVER (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 4-10-9	Mr A Robson	—
21		SUPER SANDY (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 4-10-9		—

BETTING: 7-2 Spartan Ranger, 9-2 Man Of The Grange, 5-1 Stormin' Norman, 6-1 Spartan Ranger, 8-1 Festival Fancy, 12-1 Willie The Builder, 14-1 others.

1990: GRANGE BLAKE 4-10-9 C Maude (9-1) N Twiston-Davies 19 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
F Walton	3	8	37.5	G McCourt	6	24	25.0
N Tinkler	12	43	27.9	R Hodge	3	13	23.1
M Hammond	3	11	27.3	M Dwyer	21	104	20.2
G Richards	19	82	23.2	J Callaghan	7	41	17.1
Mrs G Reveley	9	39	23.1	C Grant	15	93	16.1
G Moore	16	73	21.9	R Marley	8	66	12.1

Pipe looks forward to Carvill's Hill run

BY MICHAEL SEELY

MARTIN Pipe, fresh from his triumph with Chatam in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury, was yesterday looking forward to running Carvill's Hill in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow next Saturday.

"Both horses are in next-door boxes," said the all-conquering wizard of Wellington. "For a change, they were fed first. Chatam was shouting for his grub and telling everyone he's won the Hennessy. Carvill's Hill is also in tremendous shape and he's pleased me a lot in his work recently."

Ladbrokes offer 25-1 against Chatam for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, but only 10-1 against Carvill's Hill.

Pipe and Peter Scudamore now face an even bigger challenge to their joint skills with the former Jim Dreaper-trained nine-year-old, whose reputation as Ireland's most exciting chasing prospect since Dawn Run was continually marred by injury and the occasional disastrous jumping error.

"I schooled him down at Nicholashayne on Monday and Tuesday," said Scudamore. "He's always been able to stand off a long way, but now he seems to be learning about putting in a short one when necessary."

With the benefit of hindsight, the reason for Chatam's remarkably easy defeat of Party Politics and Docklands Express in the first important long-distance chase of the season is easy to understand.

To date, the flashes of exceptional ability shown by the gelding when finishing third to Kribensis in the 1988 Triumph Hurdle, when winning a valuable handicap hurdle later that month by a distance and again when romping home in last March's Cathcart Challenge C

First-division newcomers show promise

Rugby prove they have makings of a powerful force

Rugby 16
Gloucester 19

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ON SATURDAY morning, Rugby had only one thing left to do to prove that they could survive in the upper reaches of the Courage Clubs Championship. A spanking new clubhouse, which will be opened officially tomorrow, was the visible sign of years of effort to turn the club round, but they had still to demonstrate they had a first-division team.

By Saturday evening, Gloucester would testify to that. The West Countrymen retreated from Webb Ellis Road victors, but conscious that they had stolen what was not, on the day's play, theirs by right. Indeed, Rugby, with a thrilling final effort, had come so close to the decisive score before Pell, after a move covering 60 metres, was pushed into touch ten metres short.

Gloucester will return to the same ground in the Pilkington Cup this Saturday much clearer about what they must do to win, and with a much greater volume of support since many of their regulars, given the choice of travelling for the league or cup within eight days, opted for the cup.

Gloucester were distinctly lucky not to concede a penalty try midway through the first half. Rugby inched forward from five metres and lost possession only to an offside, which won them a penalty that Pell could not kick. They were already six points to the good after Saunders (whose tweaked hamstring may keep him out of the cup match) had crossed in the second minute from Glover's deft tap-down and ended the half leading 12-4.

In addition, Bowman played an outstanding lineout game. There was a blank period in the second quarter but otherwise the lock, returning after a four-week absence with a broken nose, accepted every challenge Gloucester could muster.

Rugby have the team spirit and unity which has taken them up the league in the past five years and the no-nonsense attitude of Brain, their captain. Bishop, at scrum half, is a perceptive player and it was his break past a leaden-footed Gloucester lineout which paved the way for Bowman's try and restored Rugby's lead.

Gloucester, though, had years of engrained experience which helps them survive such crises. Their forwards, charging down the right-hand touchline, created a try for Morris on the left then the promising Matthews poked the ball into a corner where Miles, replacing the injured Ashmead, drove over for the score which, allied to Tim Smith's kicking, brought Gloucester back into contention.

Smith's third penalty finally made the difference as Rugby created problems for themselves by using their own hands illegally at the bottom of rucks. Now, at least, they know they can live with the big boys; the next step is to beat them.

SCORERS: Rugby: Tries: Saunders, Bowman. Conversion: Mapletoft Penalty goals: Pell (2). Gloucester: Tries: Morris, Miles. Conversions: T Smith Penalty goals: T Smith (3)
RUGBY: M Mapletoft; E Saunders (rep: R Cox), S Glover, S House, D Watson, R Pell, D Bishop, G Tregilgas, S Brain, T Revan, M Ellis, M Fleetwood, P Bowman, A Simms, J Jenkins
GLOUCESTER: T Smith, J Perrins, D Caskie, D Cummins, S Morris; N Mathews, M Hannaford; P Jones, J Hawker, R Phillips, S Masters, N Scrivens, D Sims, I Smith, P Miles.
Referee: R McDowell (Ireland)

Pears shows class

HARLEQUINS added to Nottingham's difficulties with a 23-6 victory at the Stoop Memorial ground (David Hands writes). David Pears, the reserve England stand-off half, playing at full back, scored 15 of their points with a try, a conversion and three penalties, to go with tries from Bray and Killick. Nottingham could only offer Hodgkinson's two penalty goals.

In the second division, **London Scottish** lead on points difference from **Wakefield** and **Sale** thanks to an emphatic 32-15 victory at **Coventry**, though they allowed a 15-point advantage to slip to three at one stage.



By fingertips: Scrivens, of Gloucester, loses a lineout to Fleetwood, of Rugby

Leicester restore confidence by flattening Wasps

Leicester 21
Wasps 12

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

LEICESTER put defeat at Gloucester firmly behind them at Welford Road on Saturday and confidently overcame a passionless performance from Wasps in a splendid match played in near perfect conditions.

With so few games in the Courage Clubs Championship, a second loss so early in the programme would have given Leicester virtually no chance for challenging for honours, but with a large, vociferous crowd at their backs, they had the edge throughout and never looked back after Rory Underwood scored with his first touch. Leicester went on to win by a goal, a try, four penalty goals and three dropped goals to four penalty goals

Underwood's first sight of the ball, after 16 minutes, ended, seemingly inevitably, with the prolific England wing crossing for a try wide on the left and put Leicester in front. Although John Liley failed to add the conversion, they were visibly lifted.

With Neil Back to the fore, the home pack was far quicker to the breakdown, Martin Johnson and Matt Poole had too much nous at lineouts, be they long or shortened, to allow Wasps worthwhile possession and, behind the scrum, Aadel Kardooni and Jez Harris enjoyed ample time to choose the right options, and invariably did.

The loss of the versatile Huw Davies at half-time and the ensuing re-shuffle in the backs, certainly did Wasps no good, but the game was already drifting away and Leicester, with their tails up, had never been easy to stop.

A bizarre error from the kick-off afforded Pilgrim the opportunity to give Wasps an immediate lead, and he had kicked a second penalty goal, from the halfway line, before Liley opened Leicester's account after O'Leary had been penalised for illegal use of the boot at the re-start.

A diagonal break by Harris ripped open the Wasps defence to set up Underwood's try and, as Back's pace and determination began to tell, the stand-off half dropped a goal from 30 metres to make it 10-6.

Pilgrim's third success came just before the break, but in barely three minutes' play, Leicester stretched away to 19-9; Liley, with a penalty goal, when Oti was penalised for a deliberate knock-on on the stroke of half-time, and Harris, with two more dropped goals just after, providing the points.

Inspired by Clough, who seemed intent on taking on Leicester single-handed, Wasps, through Pilgrim, pulled back to 19-12 after 57 minutes, but Liley countered with two more penalty goals before, in time added on, his pack drove Wasps back on a put-in deep in their 22, and Wells claimed the score in the left-hand corner.

On a day of few failures with the boot, nobody doubted that Liley would convert.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Underwood, Wells. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (4); Dropped Goals: Harris (3).
Wasps: Penalty Goals: Pilgrim (4)
LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, A Key, I Bates, R Underwood, J Harris, A Kardooni, S Redfern, C Tressler, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, S Povoas
Wasps: S Pilgrim; D Kennell, F Clough, R Lozowski, C Oti; H Davies (rep: C Wright), S Bates; G Holmes, A Simmons (rep: J Allan), I Dunston, M White, R Kinsey, S O'Leary, M Rigby, D Ryan.
Referee: D Lasle (Manchester).

Bristol's players are soon brought down to earth

Bristol 22
Rosslyn Park 4

BY BRYAN STILES

ON THEIR way back to the dressing-room, the Bristol players revelled in the plaudits of the crowd. To increase their Courage Clubs Championship tally of points to 54 in two games and occupy the leading position in the table is enough to lift the spirits of any team. Their euphoria did not last.

No sooner had the dressing-room door closed than their coach, Rob Cunningham, was berating them for the lack of discipline that presented Park with goal-kicking chances that could have cost Bristol the game.

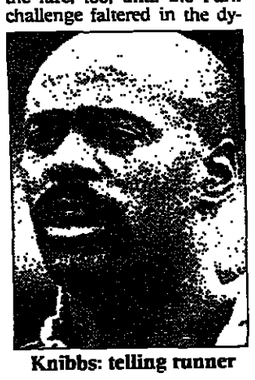
Bristol, like many other teams, are still finding it difficult to absorb the lessons of the World Cup and resist the urge to kill rucks and mauls, which attracts penalty points.

Luckily for them, Park's prodigious goalkicker, John Graves, was resting an Achilles tendon injury and his deputies, Mark Thomas and Gareth Allison, squandered opportunites to gather in the 14 points they were offered. If they had accepted the first 11, Park would have led 15-6 early in the second half.

As it was, they faded, particularly when their desperate defensive measures cost them the services through injury of three players — Tayler, Moon and Horrocks-Taylor.

Dick Best, England's new coach, was an interested spectator. He must have been happy with the lineout performances of Blackmore and Dear, as well as the abrasiveness of Collings in the loose.

The rest of the spectators must have been happy with the fare, too, until the Park challenge faltered in the dying stages. Their opening try was a delight. Wyles injecting the extra pace and guile in the centre for a sweeping move which ended with Thomas touching down in the corner.



Knibbs: telling runner

Bristol replied with a similar effort shortly before half-time. Knibbs providing the telling run before Duggan, the full back, sped down the touchline to take the scoring pass from Hull. Painter converted to give Bristol a 6-4 lead at the interval.

Knibbs grabbed the attention again early in the second half when he pirouetted in front of Park's posts and neatly dropped a goal. Duggan was on hand once more to finish off another three-quarter move. Hull kicked a penalty goal and then added the points to a fine solo try by Collings, who emerged from a thicket of players 15 metres out.

SCORERS: Tries: Duggan (2), Collings. Conversions: Painter, Hull. Dropped goal: Knibbs. Penalty goal: Hull. Rosslyn Park: Try: Thomas.
BRISTOL: H Duggan; K Morgan, R Knibbs, J Redrup, P Hull; S Painter, J Davis; D Hickey, D Palmer, D Hinkins, P Collings, P Stiff, A Blackmore, C Barrow, D Eves
ROSSLYN PARK: G Allison; D Warren, K Wyles, G Lalau, M Thomas; A Thompson, R Moon (rep: H McHardy), P Essenhigh, D Barnett, M Horrocks-Taylor (rep: D Curry), S Wright, J Fowler, S Dear, R Stratford, P Tayler.
Referee: S V Griffiths (North Midlands)

Orrell promise great potential

Orrell 23
Saracens 0

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

ORRELL had to work long and hard before their pack took control at Edge Hall Road on Saturday, but when the forwards finally got a grip on the game, they claimed a convincing victory by a goal, two tries and three penalties to nil. More encouragingly, there is so much room for improvement within the team that should Orrell start to fire on all cylinders, they will be capable of troubling the best teams in the country.

Yet they achieved their victory over Saracens without their England B back, Ainscough, who asked the club to play at stand-off half — instead of perhaps his best position, centre — and found that Strett was preferred in that position instead. Strett, acutely aware of all the controversy, had a disappointing match, missing touch regularly and finding the utmost difficulty in unleashing his backs.

Saracens had the best of the first half-hour but then began to tire. In their turn, Orrell pressed. Morris and then Ashurst almost scored, before Morris released the ball for Strett to throw a long miss-move pass to Taberner at outside centre. He cleverly dummied to work a scissors with Heslop, who ran inside as a decoy, and then changed up a gear to score a wonderful try near the right corner flag.

Apart from occasional forays by Saracen's excellent backs, the second half was all Orrell. Ashurst drove to the line, Saracens were shoved over it and, shortly after, Hynes scored from a rolling maul for Strett to convert. Soon, Kimmins was celebrating, having crashed over from a tap penalty for Orrell's final try.

Morris, in marvellous form, saw that the unrelenting momentum did not lesson in the closing stages and Orrell were rewarded with two of further penalties.

SCORERS: Orrell: Tries: Taberner, Hynes, Kimmins Conversions: Strett. Penalty goals: Strett (3)
ORRELL: S Taberner; N Heslop, S Langford, M Fielden, P Hetsall; M Strett, D Morris, M Hynes, N Hitchen, D Southern, D Cleary, R Kimmins, C Cusani, N Ashurst, P Mankey.
SARACENS: D Dooley; A Tunningley, J Buckton, S Ravenscroft, M Gregory; B Rudling, B Davies; A Roda, G Botterman, R Andrews, C Tarbuck, M Langley, L Adamson, J Cassell, B Crawley.
Referee: C B Muir (Scottish RFU).

Llanelli triumph to offer hope of a Welsh revival

Neath 13
Llanelli 23

BY GERALD DAVIES

IF THERE is more, much more, of this kind of thing, then Welsh rugby's resurgence might happen sooner than any of us is prepared to concede. A thunderous game raised the tempo of the Heineken League as well as rekindling the hopes of those searching for signs of rising standards.

Here was skill, as Gibbs showed for his try, and not a little cunning, as Stephens demonstrated when he took a quick penalty while all Neath backs were turned. Here was endeavour, as every member of the two back rows, particularly Emyr Lewis, showed. And here was a deal of aggression, as typified by Brian Williams. If there was a mite too much kicking in the middle period, the intention for the most part was to play the ball in the hands.

All added to a pitch of rising excitement as Stephens's penalty attempt at the end, which would have settled the issue beyond doubt, skewered tantalisingly away from the post only for Simon Davies to leap high, stretch, and snatch the ball to get the final score under the posts.

This match began at a breathless speed and two tries were scored in the first five minutes — a pushover try for Gareth Llewellyn and a scrum-midfield scissors-maul-and-out-to-the-wing sequence for Morgan's first try for the visitors. Thorburn converted his side's score and also added a penalty after Gibbs's teetering run along the touchline had produced another try.

However, the full back's unforced knock-on on his own 22-metre line a quarter of an hour after the interval gave the firm foothold that thereafter Llanelli never relinquished. Stephens reduced the deficit with a penalty, and his darting run for a try and a conversion brought the teams level. An error by Reynolds behind his own line gave Morgan the chance to dive first for the touchdown, and then Davies's try and Stephens's conversion brought them 19 points without reply in the second half to keep Llanelli unbeaten and at the top of the first division.

SCORERS: Neath: Tries: Gareth Llewellyn, Gibbs. Conversion: Thorburn. Penalty goal: Thorburn. Llanelli: Tries: Morgan (2), Stephens, S Davies. Conversions: Stephens (2). Penalty goals: Stephens.
NEATH: P Thorburn; S Bowling, C Lally, S Gibbs, J Reynolds; J Bird, C Bridges; B Williams, A Thomas, J Davies, K Fox, Glyn Llewellyn, M Whitson, M Morris, Gareth Llewellyn.
LLANELLI: L Evans; A Morgan, S Davies (rep: N Boobyer), H Williams, I Jones; C Stephens, R Moon; R Evans, D Fox, S Gale, E Lewis, P Davies, A Copsey, M Perego (rep: L Jones), J Williams.
Referee: G Simmonds (Cardiff).

Lowley hits high note

ALAN Davies, the Wales coach, continued his researches into the club scene by travelling to Sardis Road, where Pontypridd beat Pontypool 16-3 in a Heineken League first division match settled by a 60-yard run for a try by Mike Lowley, the second-row forward.

Bridgend ensured that **Cardiff's** miserable season continued on a low note by beating them 28-9. Aled Williams, the stand-off half who was capped as a substitute during Wales's visit to Namibia, scored 20 points, including a try and four penalties.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Courage Clubs Championship First division

BRISTOL	22	ROSSLYN PK	4

Bristol: Tries: Duggan (2), Collings. Cons: Painter, Hull. Pen: Hull Dropped goal: Knibbs. Rosslyn Park: Try: Thomas

HARLEQUINS	23	NOTTINGHAM	6

Harlequins: Tries: Pears, Bray, Killick. Con: Pears Pens: Pears (3) Nottingham: Pens: Hodkinson (2).

LEICESTER	31	WASPS	12

Leicester: Tries: Underwood, Wells. Con: Liley Pens: Liley (4) Dropped goals: Harris (3) Wasps: Pens: Pilgrim (4)

NORTHMPTN	12	L IRISH	12

Northampton: Pens: Steele (4) London Irish: Tries: Hennessey, Mullen. Cons: Mullen (2).

ORRELL	23	SARACENS	0

Orrell: Tries: Taberner, Hynes, Kimmins. Con: Strett Pens: Strett (3).

RUGBY	16	GLOUCESTER	19

Rugby: Tries: Saunders, Bowman Cons: Mapletoft. Pens: Pell (2). Gloucester: Tries: Morris, Miles Con: T Smith Pens: T Smith (3)

Second division

Coventry	15	L Scottish	32
Liverpool St H	6	Bedford	22
Morley	12	Sale	13
N Coalform	37	Waterloo	6
Wakefield	14	Moseley	9
W Hartlepool	21	Plymouth	4

Third division

Clifton	26	Otley	9
Exeter	26	Headingley	13
Fylde	9	Redruth	9
Lydney	13	Sheffield	19
Nuneaton	25	Roundhay	25
Richmond	20	Broughton Pk	18

Fourth division south

Ealing	10	Nth Walsham	28
Havant	25	Weston-s-Mare	10
High Wycombe	13	Basingstoke	7
L Welsh	34	Sudbury	12
Maidstone	20	Sidcup	10
Southend	19	Met Police	15

Fourth division north

Durham	9	Vale of Lune	21
Harrogate	13	Kendal	22
Lichfield	13	Hereford	23
Northern	6	Stourbridge	26
Preston G	28	Wrrington Pk	3
Walsall	12	Towcestrians	10

Heineken Welsh League First division

BRIDGEND	28	CARDIFF	9

Bridgend: Tries: Flood (2), Williams Cons: Williams (2). Pens: Williams (4) Cardiff: Try: Ford Con: Rayer Pen: Rayer

MAESTEG	6	NEWPORT	21

Maesteg: Pens: Edwards (2). Newport: Tries: Lea (2), Bidgood, Hale Con: Harries Pen: Harries

NEATH	13	LLANELLI	23

Neath: Tries: Gibbs, Gareth Llewellyn Con: Thorburn Pen: Thorburn Llanelli: Tries: Morgan (2), Stephens, S Davies. Cons: Stephens (2) Pens: Stephens.

NEWBRIDGE	9	SWANSEA	22

Newbridge: Try: Green Con: Hayward Pen: Hayward Swansea: Tries: Clement, Davies Con: S Jones Pen: S Jones (3), R Jones

PONTYPOOL	3	PONTYPRIDD	16

Pontypool: Pen: Parry. Pontypridd: Tries: Rowley, Hughes Con: Jenkins. Pens: Jenkins (2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Llanelli	3	3	0	0	79	44	6
Neath	3	2	0	1	66	39	4
Bridgend	3	2	0	1	49	32	4
Newport	3	2	0	1	41	24	4
Swansea	3	2	0	1	51	40	4
Pontypool	3	2	0	1	40	34	4
Pontypridd	3	1	0	2	38	38	2
Newbridge	3	1	0	2	24	46	2
Cardiff	3	0	0	3	21	57	0
Maesteg	3	0	0	3	31	86	0

SECOND DIVISION: Aberavon 13, Abertillery 3, Cross Keys 11, Tredegar 6, Glamorgan Wndrs 16, Dunvant 12, Penarth 0, Llanharan 29; South Wales Police 17, Ebbw Vale 7

McEwan's Scottish League First division

BOROUGHMUIR	27	CURRIE	19

Boroughmuir: Tries: Reid (3), Drummond, penalty try Cons: Walker (2). Pen: Walker. Currie: Tries: Beggy, Nolan Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson (3)

GLASGOW HIGH	6	WATSONIANS	6

Glasgow High/Kelvinside: Pens: Little (2) Watsonians: Pens: G Hastings (2)

HAWICK	9	MELROSE	11

Hawick: Try: Scott. Con: Renwick. Pen: Renwick Melrose: Tries: A Redpath. Parker Pen: Chalmers

HERIOTS FP	18	EDINBURGH AC	13

Heriots: Tries: McLean Con: Changleng. Pens: Changleng (3) Dropped goal: Changleng, Edinburgh Academicals: Try: McLean Pens: Shepherd (2) Dropped goal: Shepherd.

JED-FOREST	6	W OF SCOT	18

Jed-Forest: Try: K Armstrong Con: Mckechnie West of Scotland: Try: Stott Con: Barrett Pens: Barrett (3) Dropped goal: Barrett

SELKIRK	11	GALA	12

Selkirk: Tries: Jaffrey, Nichol Pen: Pow Gala: Try: Swan Con: P Dods Pen: P Dods (2)

STIRLING CO	14	STEWARTS MEL	16

Stirling County: Tries: McLaren, Brough. Pen: MacDonald. Stewart's-Melville FP: Tries: McKenzie, Laurie. Con: Wyke Pens: Stirling (2)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gala	3	3	0	0	57	29	6
Melrose	3	3	0	0	41	25	6
Watsonians	3	2	1	0	64	29	5
Selkirk	3	2	0	1	70	47	4
Edinburgh Ac	3	2	0	1	55	39	4
Heriot's FP	3	1	1	1	45	59	3
Currie	3	1	0	2	67	57	2
Hawick	3	1	0	2	50	48	2
Boroughmuir	3	1	0	2	54	59	2
Stirling Co	3	1	0	2	41	48	2
Glasgow HK	3	0	2	1	31	46	2
Stewart's-Mel	3	1	0	2	27	50	2
W of Scotland	3	1	0	2	47	87	2
Jed-Forest	3	0	0	3	25	51	0

SECOND DIVISION: Corstorphine 6, Ayr 33, Duncee HSFP 56, Dunfermline 3, Kelso 22, Glasgow Acads 9, Kirkcaldy 12, Edinburgh Wndrs 15, Musselburgh 35, Kilmarnock 10, Peebles 9, Wiglownshire 9, Royal High 9, Preston Lodge 17.

Insurance Corporation All Ireland League First division

Constitution	21	Lansdowne	13
Garryowen	31	Ballymena	13
Instonians	9	Shannon	20
Young Munster	3	Old Wesley	7

SECOND DIVISION: Blackrock College 25, Bangor 6; CIYMS 9, Malone 42, Dolphin 3, Dungannon Swifts 13, Terenure 19, Sundays Well 7, Wanderers 3, Greystones 19

Club matches

Bath	19	Oxford Univ	3
Loughboro St	10	Cambridge Univ	30

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Eton Manor 15, Cheshunt 4, Old Gaytonians 12, Old Midwhitgiftians 11, Ruislip 19, Dorking 16, Streatham and Croydon 14, Old Alleynians 11; Sutton and Epsom 35, Lewes 7 Second division north: Chingford 29, Ipswich 3, Finchley 6, Tabard 7, Harlow 13, Barking 20, Letchworth 4, Old Merchant Taylors' 6, Woodford 10, Bishop's Stortford 3 Second division south: Guildford and Godalming 41, US Portsmouth 0; Old Blues 12, Esher 13, Old Juddians 27, Gravesend 15, Westcombe Park 9, Camberley 14, Worthing 21, Old Colfeians 21. Third division north east: Brentwood 33, Basildon 16, Canvey Island 25, Chelmsford 18 Colchester 11, Cantabrigian 6, Saffron Walden 9, Cambridge 26, Westcliff 9, Old Edwardians 27 Third division north west: Fullerians 9, Hemel Hempstead 7, Grasshoppers 13, Hertford 0, Lensbury 13, Welwyn 10. Old Albanians 13, Kingsbunians 18, St Mary's Hospital 0, Upper Clapton 16 Third division south east: Beckenham 12, Horsham 16, Hove 26, Chichester 4, Old Beccehamians 11, Dartfordians 13, Old Brocklesians 18, Charlton Park 31, Thanet Wanderers 13, Crawley 3 Third division south west: Alton 13, Winchester 9, Cranleigh 9, Guy's Hosp 12, Eastleigh 0, KCS Old Boys 4; Old Walcountians 16, Purley 8, Portsmouth 9, Old Reigatian 9, Middlesex: First division: Haringey 9, Harlow 6, Hendon 22, Mill Hill 15, London New Zealand 12, Twickenham 12, Old Mithullians 32, Staines 16 Second division: Antlers 23, Old Isleworthians 9, Civil Service 25, Hammersmith and Fulham 7, Old Habertashers 22, Orleans FP 8 Hertfordshire: First division: Barnet 28, Datchworth 3, Harpenden 46, Bacavians 0, Hitchin 35, Watford 0; Old Elizabethans 61, Royston 0 Eastern Counties: First division: Braintree 26, Ely 7, West Norfolk 11, Woodbridge 3 Kent: First division, Bromley 13, Gillingham Anchorians 15, Parkhouse 14, Old Dunstonians 15, Sittingbourne 6, Medway 11 Sussex: First division: Burgess Hill 3, Uckfield 14, Haywards Heath 31, St Francis 4, Old Brightlonians 27, Heathfield and Waldron 16 Surrey: First division: Effingham 4 Old Wimbledonians 36; Old Guildfordians 3, Warlingham 15, Old Rutlishians 16, Mitcham 7, Old Whitgiftians 15, Raynes Park 12; Wimbledon 20, John Fisher Old Boys 9 Second division: Charing Cross-West Hospital 12, University Vandals 19; Harrodians 12 Old Reedomians 9, Law Soc 6, Old Cranleighans 18, Merton 3, Kingston 9

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Cheltenham 6, Torquay 16, Cinderford 7, Berry Hill 8, Gordon League 19, Maidenhead 16, Reading 13 St Ives 10, Salisbury 0, Newbury 16 Second division: Combe Down 20, Taunton 9, Marlow 25, Oxford 19, Malvon 10, Abbey 15, Penryn 20, Henley 14, Sherborne 15, Stroud 11 Western Counties: Clevedon 18, Avonmouth 6; Newquay Hornets 3, Launceston 25, Old Culverhayssians 4, Spartans 3, Okehampton 14, Penzance-Newlyn 9 Southern Counties: Bletchley 10, Aylesbury 21, Bournemouth 34, Redingensians 6, Dorchester 6, Swanage and Wareham 20, Grove 4, Wimborne 16; Olney 3, Windsor 16, Cornwall and Devon: Crediton 7, Bideford 13; Plymouth 25 21, Hayle 6, Launceston 31, Teignmouth 24, South Molton 3, Sidmouth 15, Truro 18, Exmouth 9 Cornwall: First division: Falmouth 16, Saltash 19, Helston 32, Bodmin 0, Illogan Park 9, Redruth Albany 10 Liskeard-Looe 24, Veor 6, Wadebridge 6, St Austell 10, Devon: First division: Devonport Services 34, Topsham 6, Ilfracombe 15 Cullompton 9; Sybridge 22, Old Public Oaks 15, Jesters 6, Honiton 16, Old Technicians 17, Newton Abbot 7 Gloucester and Somerset: Coney Hill 9, Whitehall 0; Dings Crusaders 21, Cirencester 16, Drybrook 18, Oldfield Old Boys 16, Gloucester Old Boys 53, Frome 6; Keynsham 20, Wiveliscombe 7. Gloucestershire: First division: Cheltenham North 18, Brockworth 6; Frampton Cotterell 11, Widden 3, Longlevens 35, ST Mary's Old Boys 6, Sainfbridge 19, Bream 9, Thornbury 12, Old Patesians 12 Second division: Ashley Down Old Boys 35, Old Cryptians 8, Bristol Saracens 36, Tredworth 0, Cheltenham Saracens 3, Old Richians 20 Cotham Park 16, Bristol Telephones 7; Hucclecote 0, Chipping Sodbury 3, Somerset: First division: Hornets 22, Yatton 4, Minehead 21, Wellington 9, Old Redcliffians 37, Midsomer Norton 3; St Bernadette Old Boys 0, Old Sulians 18 Stothert and Pitt 3, Walcott Old Boys 13. Bucks and Oxon: First division: Chiltern 9, Oxford Marathon 9, Chinnor 23, Beaconsfield 0, Oxford Old Boys 32, Pennanians 0; Slough 33, Milton Keynes 9; Wheatley 8, Witney 7

Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Bracknell 14, Bournemouth Polytechnic 3, Chippenham 17, Corsham 0; North Dorset 14, Wootton Bassen 20, Swindon Col 7, Weymouth 3; Swindon 19, Malmsbam 0

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: Birmingham and Solihull 6, Stoke on Trent 19, Derby 16, Syston 13; Leamington 19, Mansfield 0; Leighton Buzzard 18, Camp Hill 7, Westleigh 10, Newark 3 Second division east: Amber Valley 11, Stewarts and Lloyds 9; Bedford Athletic 21, Matlock 7; Moderns 16, Scunthorpe 13; Pavions 25, Vipers 12; Stockwood Park 14, Peterborough 19. Second division west: Bedworth 34, Stafford 12, Burton 15, Whitchurch 6; Keresley 11, Bromsgrove 9, Sutton Coldfield 11, Newbold 9, Wolverhampton 25, Worcester 15 East Midlands and Leicester: Ampthill 12, Hinckley 25, Aylestone St James 13, Lutterworth 14; Belgrave 6, Stoneygate 20; Luton 6, Coalville 6, Northampton Boys Brigade 3, Wellingborough 10 Notts, Lincs and Derby: First division: Lincoln 11, Glossop 24; Spalding 27, Dronfield 6; Stamford 6, Kesteven 6; West Bridgford 10, Chesterfield 19 North Midlands: First division: Aston Old Edwardians 13, Dudley 13, Kings Norton 4, West Midlands Police 12; Ludlow 19, Luctonians 6, Old Halesonians 22, Woodrush 10, Shrewsbury 15, Old Yardleians 9, Staffs and Warwicks: Coventry Welsh 15, Willenhall 15; Eccleshall 12, Newcastle (Staffs) 36, Nuneaton Old Edwardians 10, Kenilworth 10; Old Longtonians 31, Old Leamingtonians 8, Stratford upon Avon 9, Tamworth 19 Warwickshire: First division: Coventry Saracens 24, Spartans 10; GEC Coventry 12, Trinity Guild 12, Manor Park 16, Old Coventrians 8; Old Laurentians 26, Stoke Old Boys 4; Silhillians 12, Dunlop 8

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Hartlepool Rovers 9, Widnes 4; Middlesbrough 8, Rotherham 20, Sandal 21, Birkenhead Park 0; Tynedale 19, Bradford and Bingley 10; Wigton 15, Stockton 17 Second division: Halifax 14, Wigan 7, Lymm 46, Carlisle 3, Old Crossleyans 26, Northwich 4, Sandbach 3, Huddersfield 14; West Park (St Helens) 9, Wharfedale 19 North West: First division: Chester 28, Caldy 0; Davenport 21, Cockermouth 9, Macclesfield 34, St Edward's Old Boys 6, Manchester 23, Sedgley Park 3; Wirral 19, New Brighton 6 Second division: Ashton on Mersey 25, Kirkby Lonsdale 12; Rochdale 7, Warrington 3, South Liverpool 18, Blackburn 9, Wilmslow 3, Merseyside Police 18; Workington 15, Old Aldwinians 12 NW-East North: Crewe and Nantwich 6, Moresby 10; De la Salle 3, Old Salians 10; Keswick 24, Furness 3; Ponnith 13, Oldham 9; Windermere 9, Rossendale 12 NW-East: First division: Altrincham Kersal 13, Metrowick 6; Calder Vale 15, Eccles 3, Fleetwood 6, Tyldesley 21; Manchester YMCA 12, Broughton 0, Old Bedians 8, Bury 11 NW-West: First division: Leigh 0, Ormskirk 54; Liverpool Collegiate 5, Aspull 9; Newton le Willows 9, Wagabonds 7; Oldershaw 37, Douglas 6; Old Instonians 9, Ruskin Park 16. North East: First division: Gateshead Fell 10, West Park Bramhope 17; Morpeth 23, Novocastrians 4, Old Brodsleians 28, Pontefract 12; Roundhegians 13, Bramley 10, York 24, Keighley 3. Second division: Beverley 6, Wessoe 10, Old Hymerians 10, Selby 18; Ripon 22, Redcar 6; Rockcliff 11, Ashington 12; Thornensians 29, Blyth 0 Yorkshire: First division: Castleford 14, York RI 15, Cleckheaton 20, North Ribblesdale 7, Doncaster 18, Hemsworth 9, Driffield 12, Old Otliensians 9; Pocklington 20, Malton and Norton 6. Durham and Northumberland: First division: Darlington 10, Hartlepool 9; Darlington RA 6, Seghill 24; Morden 13, Bishop Auckland 6; Ryton 4, Consett 9; Sunderland 18, Mowden Park 9.

Irish inject vitality into first division

Northampton 12
London Irish 12

BY PETER BILLS

A GAME that started modestly enough became a little classic of its kind, picked up off its heels by a wonderful try fit for a far grander stage.

The score, fashioned from 60 yards, underlined the thrill London Irish will bring to the Courage Clubs Championship first division this season if their forwards can secure anything in the region of 40 per cent possession.

Their backs carried the threat of a loaded firearm with the safety catch off and it was Curtis's surge at speed down the blind side, after Egan's pick-up at a scrum, which began the move.

The pace of its execution was quite beyond the capacity of Northampton. Geoghegan supported his centre, but wisely released when his path looked blocked, and Pegler was perfectly placed to send Mullen streaming over. With Mullen's conversion, it transformed the match by giving Irish a 12-6 lead.

Up until half-time, the Exiles had not approached their target figure for possession and Northampton's juggernaut pack was firmly in charge. The loose ball was also the domain of the home team and Northampton's backs received enough possession to have had the match won by the interval.

But Steele never launched his line to capitalise on such riches and the midfield was ponderous alongside the dash and verve of the Irish backs.

Geoghegan, by contrast, is a most charismatic performer as he coolly emphasised in making 85 yards from deep defence, with three minutes remaining, only for Mullen to miss the dropped goal that would have won the match.

Steele kicked two penalty goals in each half — the last, seven minutes from time, for one of the many collapsed scrums for which Halpin was penalised. Halpin's tussle with Baldwin, the young loose head, was indeed X-certificate, with the veteran having the better of it.

Hennessey, a half-time replacement for Staples, scored Exiles' first try two minutes after the interval from close range.

SCORERS: Northampton: Penalty goals: Steele (4). London Irish: Tries: Hennessey, Mullen. Conversions: Mullen (2).
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; F Packman, J Thame, R McNaughton, B Ward; J Steele, B Talbott, J Etheridge, M Bayfield, P Pask, T Rodber.
LONDON IRISH: J Staples (rep: R Hennessey), S Geoghegan, P Young, D Curtis, W Keerne; B Mullen, J Byrne; T Buss, A Higgins, D Pegler, M Egan.
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

Disappointing champion survives an early crisis before stopping Cooper in the seventh round

Holyfield betrays signs of weakness

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

WHILE Lennox Lewis gave an impressive performance against Tyrell Biggs at the Omni here on Saturday, dispatching the Philadelphian in three rounds, faster than Mike Tyson (seven rounds), Gary Mason (seven), Francesco Damiani (eight) and Riddick Bowe (eight) took to get the job done, it was Evander Holyfield's bout with Bert Cooper that left the experts reeling.

Cooper, a reformed drug addict, had come in at the last moment after Damiani cried off last Sunday with an ankle injury. Yet the second substitute, who had trained only for one week, almost knocked out Holyfield in the third round.

It was the champion's fitness that enabled him to survive that round and take charge, but he was never safe until Mills Lane, the referee, stepped in between the two men in the seventh round and called a halt.

The challenger, trying to shelter behind crossed arms, had taken nearly 25 blows — uppercuts, overhand rights, and hooks — and given nothing in reply and Lane felt he had a duty to step in. But the decision was booed by Holyfield's own supporters, all 14,000 of them.

Cooper had recovered from a similar onslaught in the fifth round, had come back strongly and no doubt the crowd thought he would recover again. Until the stoppage, Holyfield was in front, but uncomfortably so.

Lewis watched the bout from ringside and, no doubt, Mike Tyson, from afar. While Lewis was rubbing his hands in anticipation of a challenge, Tyson must have been kicking himself. The flaws in Holyfield's boxing were as plain as the holes in his defence.

While in round after round Holyfield stunned Cooper with blows, particularly the uppercut, he himself was too easy to hit. After Cooper survived a knock-down in the first round, from a beautiful left hook to the body, and a wobbly second round, he caught Holyfield with a right that completely disorientated the champion.

Holyfield stiffened and teetered around like a toy soldier running out of winds, but Cooper's follow-up blows were not well enough directed. Holyfield recovered and gathered his boxing together to turn a 10-8 round into a 10-9 one.

It does not matter that thereafter Holyfield landed 20 blows to every one of Cooper's: the champion's limitations had been exposed. Had it been Tyson, a full heavyweight, hitting him and not a blown-up cruiserweight journeyman like Cooper, Holyfield would not have survived beyond the first round.

Ever since James "Buster" Douglas knocked out Tyson in Tokyo, it had been thought that Holyfield had enough boxing, like Douglas, in him to keep Tyson out. However, after Cooper, who is smaller than Tyson, had hurt Holyfield in the third round, the champion's boxing was not good enough to keep out "Smokin" Bert.

Both Tyson and Lewis would have had no trouble breaking through. Nor would Holyfield's punches have deterred Lewis and Tyson. In the fifth round, Holyfield hit Cooper with so many blows that the champion's left glove was split and had to be changed mid-round. Yet Cooper still came back smiling and "smoking".

One Holyfield comment immediately after the bout was significant. "I boxed him, but he was strong enough to turn the fight into a brawling fight. You go into a fight with a plan, but he was experienced enough to make the fight a fight I did not want to fight."

Holyfield's management blamed his performance on staleness and having had to adjust and re-adjust his training to suit first Tyson (5ft 10½in), then Damniani (6ft 4in) and, finally, a Tyson-sized Cooper. In money, too, Holyfield dropped from a fee of $30 million for meeting Tyson to $5 million for defending against Cooper. He now intends to make up the deficit by taking on young contenders like Michael Moorer, Riddick Bowe and Lewis one by one.

If Lewis is his third opponent, the Londoner should have learned enough by then to beat Holyfield. Just as he overwhelmed Biggs, who is a heavyweight, it would not be surprising if Lewis proved too big for Holyfield, who is really a cruiserweight.

Biggs was never in his contest with the Englishman. A right uppercut in the second round drew blood from the American's mouth and thoroughly demoralised him. In the third round, Lewis had Biggs down three times, each time from a right followed by an uppercut.

Biggs rose unsteadily twice, but the final blow sent him flying on to his back. Had he wanted to get up, it is unlikely that is legs would have allowed him to, but that was not necessary as, having been knocked down three times, he did not have to make the effort.



Taking it on the chin: Cooper, left, survives this flurry of punches from Holyfield in their world championship bout on Saturday

ATHLETICS

Wallace on the road to success

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ALMOST the length and breadth of Britain separate Liz McColgan from Andrea Wallace but, in attitude to sport, they live in the same steet. Wallace climbed from her sick bed to win the Safeway cross country at Gateshead on Saturday. Why risk health and defeat? "I made myself go and do the job because Liz would have," she said.

While McColgan rests, the Torbay athlete is getting the feel of the road which the Scot has driven to acclaim and wealth. A world road race silver medal followed by a 2hr 31min marathon debut has convinced the ADT London Marathon organisers that Wallace is worth a few thousand pounds to put her on the start line next April.

"Brash McColgan" read the headlines in New York when Arbroath's finest shouted the odds before winning in style three weeks ago. And Wallace, like McColgan, is from Boleyn school. How fast can you run London, Andrea? "If it is windy, I will be pleased just to get the record," she said. On a good day, she fancies 2hr 24min. The record in question is the British one, Veronique Marot's 2hr 25min 56sec.

Because McColgan plundered world cross country bronze, 10,000 metres gold and a 2hr 27min marathon in eight months, Wallace expects to cope with the world cross country championships, London Marathon, Olympic 10,000 metres trial and Olympics in five months. Which was another reason to get out of bed with a cold on Saturday. "A lot of it is in the mind and you have to get hardened up mentally as well as physically," she said.

In the true McColgan spirit, Wallace did it from the front. She broke away early and won by 20 seconds, her slipsteam proving something of an echo chamber. "Come on Andrea, come on Andrea, come on Andrea." Wallace first, Andrea Duke second, Andrea Whitcombe third.

Benson Masya, the Kenyan post and telecommunications service bantamweight boxing championship last year, ran away from the men's field. Meanwhile Bobby Quinn fell from the ring.

He went off course near the end while comfortably second, finishing fourth. Quinn, who had to climb a fence to get back on course, blamed the marshals, and Andrew Pearson and Darren Mead, second and third, magnanimously agreed to take third and fourth behind the Scot.

RESULTS: Men (6,900 metres): 1, B Masya (Ken), 20mm 04sec, 2 R Quinn (Kilbarchan); 20.42; 3, A Pearson (Longwood), 20:47 Men (1,900 metres) 1, J Lobo (Blackburn), 5:11; 2, A Pearson, 5:11, 3, N Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet), 5:12. Women (5,200 metres) 1, A Wallace (Torbay), 17.24, 2, A Duke (Mancisle), 17.44; 3, A Whitcombe (Parkside), 17:47. Women (1,900 metres): 1, K Hutchenson (Berry Hill), 6:01; 2, A Williams, (Sale), 6:09; 3, U English (Havering), 6:15

CRICKET

Bevan plunders stylish century

Lismore, Australia — Michael Bevan scored a century as New South Wales took a 155-run first-innings lead over India in their four-day match here yesterday.

New South Wales, replying to India's modest first-innings score of 209, were all out for 364 shortly before stumps on the second day. Bevan, aged 21, who made five first-class centuries last year, cracked 115 *(AFP)*

INDIA: First Innings.
K Srikkanth c Emery b Holdsworth 5
M Prabhakar lbw b Whitney 5
S V Manjrekar c Taylor b Holdsworth 2
D B Vengsarkar c Taylor b S R Waugh 17
*M Azharuddin b S R Waugh 23
S R Tendulkar c Taylor b Holdsworth 82
S Ganguly c Bevan b Holdsworth 20
†K S More lbw b Matthews 9
J Srinath c Taylor b Whitney 24
S Banerjee c Emery b Whitney 12
N D Hirwani not out 6
Extras (b 1, lb 3) 4
Total 209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-11, 3-13, 4-47, 5-56, 6-100, 7-167, 8-167, 9-202
BOWLING: Whitney 19.3-4-45-3; Holdsworth 17-2-38-4; Lawson 14-3-23-0; S R Waugh 19-6-24-2; Matthews 18-4-56-1; M E Waugh 7-2-19-0.

Second Innings
K Srikkanth not out 4
M Prabhakar not out 0
Total (0 wkt) 4
BOWLING: Whitney 2-1-4-0; McNamara 1-1-0-0.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings
S M Small b Prabhakar 58
M A Taylor b Banerjee 15
S R Waugh b Banerjee 13
M E Waugh b Srinath 79
M G Bevan c Azharuddin b Banerjee 115
B E McNamara run out 18
G R J Matthews b Srikkanth 23
*†P A Emery st sub b Hirwani 3
G F Lawson c and b Hirwani 2
M R Whitney not out 2
W J Holdsworth c Hirwani b Srikkanth 4
Extras (lb 20, nb 12) 32
Total 364

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-83, 3-112, 4-287, 5-320, 6-344, 7-354, 8-358, 9-358.
BOWLING: Prabhakar 17-1-43-1; Srinath 20-3-52-1; Banerjee 17-2-79-3; Tendulkar 3-0-10-0; Hirwani 20-1-82-2; Srikkanth 18-3-52-2; Ganguly 6-0-26-0.

☐ Players found guilty of "sledging" or showing dissent on the field could be suspended for three Test matches under the new code of conduct of the International Cricket Council.

Mike Smith, the former England captain and chairman of Warwickshire, will become the first man to referee a match when he takes charge of the first two Tests between Australia and India, plus the start of the triangular one-day series that also involves West Indies.

CRICKET

Pace decides the series

Faisalabad — Splendid fast bowling by Marshall and Ambrose wrecked Pakistan's middle order here yesterday, where West Indies' win by 16 runs gave them the three-match one-day international series by a 2-0 margin. The game at Lahore was tied.

Marshall and Ambrose shattered Pakistan as they chased 205 for victory in a 40-over game by turning a score of 175 for four into 175 for eight.

Ramiz Raja and Inzamamul Haq, playing only his second international, gave Pakistan a good start with a stand of 65. But after Haq was second out, at 106, for 60, scored from 80 deliveries, the innings began to stutter.

Salim Malik and Imran Khan fell cheaply trying to force the pace after Pakistan had fallen behind the rate and Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis went in successive balls to Marshall.

West Indies' total was based on a solid knock of 57 by Hooper, who added 93 for the fourth wicket with Lara (45) after the touring side had lost three quick wickets to Aaqib Javed.

Philo Wallace, the opening batsman, played a hard-hitting innings of 36 from 41 deliveries while Arthurton made a timely 29 not out. Aaqib finished with four for 31, his best of the series.

"This victory has boosted our confidence and morale as we leave for Australia," the West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, said. "The recall of Desmond Haynes and Marshall strengthened the side following our defeats in the Sharjah tournament. We did our homework and improved both our batting and bowling."

Imran, the Pakistan captain, who used the series to experiment with new players, said he was not satisfied with his side's bowling or running between the wickets.

"The series helped us to discover our shortcomings and we will go to Australia for the World Cup better prepared," he said. *(Reuter)*

FAISALABAD SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES
D L Haynes c Moin b Aaqib 8
P A Wallace b Aaqib 36
*R B Richardson c Akram b Aaqib 5
B C Lara c Moin b Inzamamul Haq ... 45
C L Hooper c Zahid b Aaqib 57
K L T Arthurton not out 29
M D Marshall not out 7
Extras (lb 7, w 10) 17
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs) 204
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-52, 3-52, 4-145, 5-186.

A C Cummins, R C Haynes, †D Williams and C E L Ambrose did not bat.
BOWLING: Imran Khan 8-0-36-0, Wasim Akram 8-1-43-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-0-33-0 (w 3); Aaqib Javed 8-1-31-4 (w 2); Waqar Younis 5-0-30-0 (w 4); Inzamamul Haq 3-0-24-1 (w 1).

PAKISTAN
Ramiz Raja c and b R C Haynes 39
Inzamamul Haq c Lara b Cummins ... 60
Zahid Fazal c Cummins b Ambrose .. 53
Salim Malik b Hooper 10
*Imran Khan c Lara b Cummins 14
Ijaz Ahmed c Richardson b Ambrose .. 4
Wasim Akram b Marshall 0
†Moin Khan not out 7
Waqar Younis c and b Ambrose 0
Mushtaq Ahmed not out 5
Extras (lb 3, w 2) 5
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 197
Aaqib Javed did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS 1-65, 2-106, 3-126, 4-161, 5-175, 6-175, 7-175, 8-175
BOWLING: Ambrose 8-0-35-2; Cummins 8-1-27-2; Marshall 8-0-44-2, R C Haynes 8-0-34-1; Hooper 8-0-44-1 (w 2).
Umpires: Khizar Hayat and Athar Zaidi.

SKIING

Tomba's caution pays in first race

Park City, Utah — Alberto Tomba opened the World Cup Alpine season by coming from behind to win a giant slalom on Saturday. The Italian raced with power and control while his main rivals faltered and fell.

Tomba trailed Paul Accola, the Swiss veteran, by nearly half a second after the first run, but surged to victory by 0.14sec after his second run down the fast course. Tomba posted a combined time of 2min 5.62sec to edge out Accola, who was timed in 2min 5.76sec.

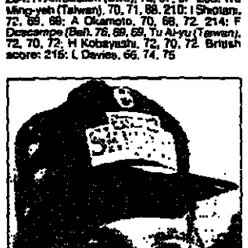
After seeing his principal rivals, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, Stefan Eberharter, of Austria, and Urs Kaelin, of Switzerland, fall on the first run, Tomba skied conservatively the first time. "I knew this was my chance to make points and get an early lead in the World Cup," he said.

In the second run, Tomba turned on the power that made him giant slalom champion last season. "It was not easy but I made a good race," Tomba said. "I'm proud of that."

Tomba credited a rigorous training programme and intelligent tactics for his success. "What pleases me most is that I seem to be finding a balance between my old aggressive style that often made trouble and some reasonable caution," Tomba, who hopes to repeat his double gold performance of 1988 at the Albertville Olympics next year, said.

Girardelli, the World Cup champion, who had hoped to use the race as a springboard to a record fifth overall title, took his disappointment well.

"It was a silly mistake," he said of the first-run mishap in which he caught his hand on a gate panel and spun off the course. "I am pleased that I was going very fast. It is a long season. There are many races remaining." (Reuter)



Alberto Tomba: won World Cup skiing event

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TOKYO: Kawaguchiko Marathon: Men: 1, W Perszke (Pol), 2hr 18min 09sec. Women: 1, R Hiroswa (Japan), 2:53:09.

GLASGOW: Scottish women's west district cross-country championships (5.5km): 1, E Cochrane (City of Glasgow), 17:00 25secs; 2, E McKay (Shettleston), 23.15; 3, S Kennedy (Victoria Park), 28.23 (leading European junior). 4, J Stevenson (Pedrik Victoria), 28.27 (first veteran)

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: Scottish Open championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: D Hall (Eng) bt J Hao Dyk (Neth), 15-12, 12-15, 15-11; J Olsson (Swe) bt V Kumar (India), 13-15, 15-11, 15-2. Final: Hall bt Olsson, 11-15, 15-9, 15-1. Women's singles: Semi-finals: C Magnusson (Swe) bt E Shuler-Lauridsen (Den), 11-7, 11-3; X Yong (Swe) bt A van der Knaap (Neth), 11-3, 11-3. Final: Xiao Qing bt Magnusson, 11-0, 11-3. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: J Holst-Christensen and T Lund (Den) bt J-P Nierhoff and M Kjeldsen (Den), 15-8, 15-12; P Axelsson and P-G Jonsson (Swe) bt M Gandrup and J Knudsen (Den), 15-8, 15-9. Final: Holst-Christensen and Lund bt Axelsson and Jonsson, 15-11, 15-7. Women's doubles: Semi-finals: Shuer-Lauridsen and M Thomsen (Den) bt C Bengtsson and M Bengtsson (Swe), 15-18, 15-12, 15-9; P Dupont and G Mogensen (Den) bt Magnusson and Ong, 11-15, 15-1, 15-12. Final: Magnusson and Ong bt Shuer-Lauridsen and Thomsen, 15-11, 15-5. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: Lund and Dupont bt Gandrup and E van den Heuvel (Neth), 15-11, 15-7; Holst-Christensen and Mogensen bt Knudsen and Thomsen, 17-14, 10-15, 15-7. Final: Holst-Christensen and Mogensen bt Lund and P Dupont, 2-15, 15-9, 18-14.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division (North): Yorkshire 8, Worcestershire 9. Second division (North): Yorkshire 8 9, Derbyshire 6.

CYCLING

GHENT: Six-day race: Leaders (after fifth night): 1, P van Slycke (Bel) and R Guerinker (Ger), 405pts; 2, P Pieters (Neth) and B Tawns (Bel), 373; 3, E De Wilde (Bel) and A Doyle (GB), 356, 4, B Holzmeister and W Stutz (Switz), one lap behind, 247; 5, M Ganeev (USSR) and J Veggerby (Den), two laps behind, 262, 6, B Risi and K Betschart (Switz) three laps behind, 319 Other British placings: 9, S Wallace (GB) and D Woods (Aus), 26 laps behind, 143.

WOLVERHAMPTON: National Trophy: Second round (14 miles): 1, T Berner (Ger), at 14sec; 3, Thr 2min 41sec; 2, J Ahrenz (Ger), at 14sec; 3, C Young (Scott Diamond Back MBK), at 35sec. Overall: 1, S Deuce (Dawes), 70pts; 2, Young, 65; 3, N Craig (Peugeot), 54.

TIME TRIALS: Avon and Somerset Police CC (Bristol, 10 miles), 1, I Marchant (Trowbridge CC), 54min 00sec; 2, T Locke (Severn RC), at 2:58; 3, M Soleman (Bristol RC), at 4:55. Lincoln Wheelers (12 miles): 1, S Marshall (VC Lincoln), 1hr 04min 35sec; 2, K Daley (Cherry Valley RT), at 28sec; 3, R Blackburn (Bradford Olympic), at 2:40. VC Nouveau (Consett, Co Durham, 12 miles): 1, R Coleridge (Houghton CC), 1:00:45; 2, R Coleridge (Houghton CC), at 20sec; 3, R Goodall (Cleveland Triathlon Club), at 29sec. Derby Mercury (Shipley Country Park, 11 miles): 1, P Middleton (NW Off-Road Club), 56min 00sec; 2, R Blackburn (Bradford Olympic), at 55sec; 3, J Gould (Acle RT), at 58sec

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Charlotte Hornets 112, Indiana Pacers 110; Atlanta Hawks 99, Philadelphia 76ers 92; Golden State Warriors 116, Portland Trail Blazers 112; Miami Heat 118, Sacramento Kings 112; Phoenix Suns 105, Los Angeles Clippers 97; Chicago Bulls 112, Cleveland Supersonics 109 (OT); New York Knicks 99, Detroit Pistons 90; Utah Jazz 121, Denver Nuggets 95; Los Angeles Lakers 98, San Antonio Spurs 96. Saturday: Cleveland Cavaliers 96, Detroit Pistons 89; Indiana Pacers 119, Miami Heat 113; Boston Celtics 125, New Jersey Nets 107; Sacramento Kings 95, Orlando Magic 93; Washington Bullets 126, Atlanta Hawks 115; Minnesota Timberwolves 102, Houston Rockets 95; Dallas Mavericks 121, Utah Jazz 109 (OT); New York Knicks 100, Philadelphia 76ers 92; Chicago Bulls 107, Denver Nuggets 100; Golden State Warriors 120, Milwaukee Bucks 115.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Mens: First division: Birmingham Bullets 85 (Simms 18, Koretz 18), London Towers 92 (P Scantlebury 22, Griffin 20), Manchester Giants 94 (Johnson 28, Traisvant 24), Cheshire Jets 78 (Lavery 14, Mayor 11), Hemel Hempstead 85 (Darlow 27, Anglin 17), Leicester Riders 99 (Chase 36, Richner 16); Kingston 105 (Saunders 37, Hanlan 26), Worthing Bears 83 (Heron 18, Baker 16); Thames Valley Tigers 108 (Peed 29, Hayles 18), Sunderland Saints 81 (Kirkham 21, Lorentz 18); Derby Bucks 80, Leicester Riders 90. Second division: Bury Lobos 83, Barnsley Generals 44; Coventry Flyers 51, Oldham Celtics 101; Doncaster Eagles 83, Plymouth Raiders 70; Ware 95, Broxbourne 80; Middlesbrough Mohawks 108, Greenwich 99. Third division: Calderdale Explorers 75, Sedgefield Racers 78; Chiltern Fastbreak 94, North London 78; Mid-Sussex Magic 80, Sheffield 84, Cheshire Bulls 58, Crystal Palace Samons 58. Women: First division: Rhondda 94, Northampton 76ers 74. Second division: King's Lynn Phoenix 36, Camberley Golden Eagles 41.

BOXING

ATLANTA: World Boxing Association heavyweight championship: Evander Holyfield (US, holder) bt Bert Cooper (US), rsc 7th rnd. Heavyweights: Lennox Lewis (GB) bt Tyrell Biggs (US), rsc 3rd rnd.

SYDNEY: World amateur championships: Finals: Flyweight (51kg): I Kovacs (Hun) bt Su Chae Chol (N Kor), pts. Featherweight (57kg): R Kirkorov (Bul) bt Park Duk-Kyu (S Kor), pts. Light-welterweight (63.5kg): K Ceyiu (USSR) bt V Ferrest (US), pts. Light-middleweight (71kg): J Lamus (Cuba) bt E Akopkashvili (USSR), pts. Light-heavyweight (81kg): T May (Ger) bt A Kurnievka (USSR), pts. Super-heavyweight (over 91kg): R Balado (Cuba) bt S Russinoff (Bul), pts.

EPERNAY, France: World Boxing Association junior lightweight championship: Genaro Hernandez (US) ko Daniel Londas (Fr), 9th rnd.

EQUESTRIANISM

BERLIN: World Cup qualifier: 1, Walter Koenig (F Sloopmaik, Ger), clear, 38.76sec; 2, Dollar Girl (T Fuchs, Switz), clear, 40.07; 3, Lacroa (D Schroeder, Ger), clear, 41.92. British placings: 5, Henderson Flare Path (V Whitaker), clear, 47.58; 12, Henderson Monsanto (M Whitaker), 4 faults; 16, Grannsch (J Whitaker), 8 faults. European League standings: 1, Stockholm, 29pts; 2, J-M Nicholas (Fr), 27; 3, D Schroeder 26. British placing: 5, T Cesaro, 22.

HOCKEY

HA CUP: Third round: Wakefield 0, Ipca 1

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Beds Eagles 1, Bluebarts 2, Bishop's Stortford 3, Crostyx 2; Broxbourne 0, Ipswich 2; Colchester 5, Ford 5; Harleston Magpies 6, Bury St Edmunds 1; Peterlane 3, Westcliff 1; Hemel Hempstead 5, Wisbech 5; Norwich City 3, Peterborough Town 3, Bury St Edmunds 2, Ford 0.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Camberley 1, Tunbridge Wells 1; Chichester 3, Winchester 0; Fareham 2, Old Midhelptians 1; High Wycombe 2, Bognor 1; Marden R 2, Hastoba 1, Old Bordenians 4, Old Tauntonians 1; Staines 3, Oxford Hawks 2; Woking 4, Ashford (); Worthing 0, Anchorians 4. Regionals: Hampshire and Surrey: Basingstoke 4, Oxted 1; Rest 2 Guildish 4; Cean 2, Northern Bank 1, Hamble OB 2, Epsom 1; Old Wallcountians 0, City of Portsmouth 0; Old Whitgiftians 2, Old Edwardians 0; Pirelli 4, Southampton Univ 1; Walton 0, Barnes 4 Kent and Sussex: Eastbourne 0, Mid-Sussex 2; Herne Bay 4, Mitcham 0; Hersham 6, Burnt Ash 1; Lloyds Bank 3, BICC 0; Old Beccehamians 5, Old Holcombians 2; Old Williamsonians 1, Lewes 1; Sevenoaks 0, Gravesend 1 Midlands, Wales, Border: Bangor 2, Denbigh 0; Hendon 0; Bracknell 1, City of Oxford 0; Marlow 10, Hayes 1; Windsor 0, Southgate Adelaide 0; Witney 2, Amersham 6, Wokingham 1, Sunbury 0.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 0, Boston 1; Bridgnorth 0, Bloxwich 0; Edgbaston 2, Leicester Westleigh 1; Nottingham 1, Knutsa 2; Olton and West Warwick 1, Coventry and North Warwicks 0.

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Bowdon 2, Durham University 3, Liverpool Sefton 2, Hightown Northern 4; Norton 2, Otley 0, Ramgarhua 3, Ben Rhydding 3; Sheffield 3, Preston 1; Swalwell 0, Blackburn 3, Timperley 3, Brooklands 2; York 1, Wakefield 1.

MOWLEM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: First division: Acle 1, Lincoln 1, Doncaster 1, Huddersfield 0, Farsley 1, Driffield 3; Hallfax 1, Appleby Frodingham 0; Rotherham 0, Wakefield 3, Sheffield Bankers 3, Bardsey 1; Welton 0, Chesterfown 0; York CST 0, Harrogate 4, Grimsby 2, Bradford 1.

NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division: Darlington 0, Billingham 2, Morpeth 0, Carlisle 0, Redcar 1, Norton 2, Blaydon 9, Tynedale 2; Sunderland 4, South Shields 0, Whitehaven 0, Tynemouth 3.

HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH-WEST LEAGUE: First division: Cheetham Hill 1, Springfields 3, Chester 1, Southport 2; Knutsford 2, Winnington Park 1; Manchester 3, Wigan 3; Manchester YMCA 0, Deeside Ramblers 3; Northop Hall 0, Colton 1, Prescot 2, St Helens 2, West Derby 2, Macclesfield 4.

WOMEN: Senior club matches: Bexleyheath 2, Cambridge City 0; Bracknell 1, Blueharts 2; Cheltenham 2, Exmouth 3, Harleston Magpies 3, Peterborough 0, Leicester 0, Sutton Coldfield 4; Redditch 0, Loughborough Ladies 4, Springfields 1, Bradford 1; Taunton Vale 1, Yate 3, Olton 0, Pickwick 6.

LANCASHIRE WOMEN'S CUP: Liverpool 4, Prescot 0.

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Swansea 1, Cardiff Athletic 0; Penarth 3, Cwmbran 0.

KENT CUP: Quarter-final: Tonbridge Wells 1, Monkton Russets 0

SURREY CUP: Second round: Old Wallcountians 2, Purley 0; Old Whitgiftians 5, Surbiton 0; Woking 2, Epsom 0

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCHES: British Gas Trophy: Third-round replays: Erdington and Saltley 4, Manchester 2; Stockport 1, Wolverhampton 2. Adidas Trophy: Cornwall 3, Gloucestershire 2. London Hawke Trophy: Barking 5, South London 4. Goodmead Trophy: South Notts 1, Grimsby 3, Nottingham 5, Mansfield 1; Netherlands 4, South East Lindsey 1; Lincoln 2, Chesterfield 2; Hartlepool 1, East Riding 2.

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Final, first leg: Club Africain (Tun) 8, Nakivubo Villa (Uga) 2.

CHINA: Women's World Cup: Quarter-finals: Germany 2, Denmark 1 (aet); Norway 3, Italy 2; Sweden 1, China 0; United States 7, Taiwan 0 (Semi-finals, United States v Germany, Norway v Sweden)

GOLF

SYDNEY: Australian PGA championship: Leading final scores (Australia unless stated): 271: I Baker-Finch 66, 68, 68, 69; 274: C Bolland 70, 67, 67, 70; M Kerry 67, 68, 71, 71; S Richardson (GB), 67, 67, 70, 73, 276: W Smith, 65, 70, 70, 73, 279: J Spence (GB), 71, 69, 69, 70, S Owen (NZ), 73, 69, 69, 69, C Parry, 67, 70, 71, 71; C Warren, 69, 71, 69, 70, M Dayton, 69, 72, 67, 71. Other British score: 285: P Kent, 72, 73, 71, 69.

THOUSAND OAKS, California: Shark Shoot-out: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 128: L Watkins and T Purtzer, 61, 65; 133: S Elkington (Aus) and M O'Meara, 64, 69; 134: H Irwin and S Pate, 65, 69; G Norman (Aus) and J Nicklaus, 68, 66; 137: Kite and D Love, 65, 69; 138: C Strange and W Andrade, 66, 69; 137: F Couples and R Floyd, 68, 69; 139: A Palmer and P Jacobsen, 68, 70; 140: C C Rodriguez and C Beck, 68, 72; 141: J Crenshaw and B Lietzke, 69, 72.

SAITACHO, Japan: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated) 204: H Alfredsson (Swe), 70, 67, 67; 209: Wu Ming-yeh (Taiwan), 70, 71, 68, 210: I Shotani, 72, 69, 69; A Okamoto, 70, 68, 72, 214: F Descampe (Bel), 76, 69, 69, Yu Ai-yu (Taiwan), 72, 70, 72; H Kobayashi, 72, 70, 72. British score: 216: L Davies, 66, 74, 76

HORSE RACING

CHELTENHAM: Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup (Grade 1) (3m 2½f): 1, Cool Dawn (J Osborne, 5-1); 2, Docklands Express (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 3, Carvill's Hill (J Frost, 5-1); 4, Arctic Call (M Dwyer, 5-1); 5, Ghofar (A Maguire, 5-1); 6, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 7, Ten Plus (M Perrett, 5-1); 8, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 9, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 10, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 11, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 12, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 13, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 14, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 15, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 16, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 17, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 18, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 19, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 20, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 21, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 22, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 23, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 24, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 25, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 26, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 27, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 28, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 29, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 30, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 31, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 32, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 33, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 34, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 35, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 36, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 37, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 38, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 39, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 40, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 41, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 42, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 43, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 44, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 45, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 46, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 47, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 48, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 49, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 50, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 51, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 52, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 53, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 54, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 55, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 56, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 57, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 58, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 59, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 60, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 61, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 62, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 63, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 64, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 65, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 66, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 67, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 68, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 69, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 70, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 71, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 72, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 73, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 74, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 75, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 76, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 77, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 78, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 79, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 80, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 81, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 82, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 83, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 84, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 85, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 86, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 87, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 88, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 89, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 90, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 91, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 92, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 93, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 94, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 95, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 96, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 97, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 98, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 99, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 100, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 101, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 102, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 103, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 104, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 105, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 106, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 107, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 108, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 109, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 110, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 111, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 112, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 113, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 114, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 115, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 116, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 117, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 118, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 119, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 120, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 121, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 122, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 123, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 124, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 125, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 126, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 127, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 128, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 129, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 130, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 131, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 132, Ten Of Spades (P Scudamore, 5-1); 133, Rolls Royce (M Pitman, 5-1); 134, Sibton Abbey (C Brown, 5-1); 135, Bonanza Boy (M Richards, 5-1); 136, Rhyme 'N Reason (C Grant, 5-1); 137, Ebony Jane (A Webber, 5-1); 138, Mighty Mogul (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 139, Kildimo (P Hobbs, 5-1); 140,

Pleat's life at Luton has little to laugh at

Luton Town 2
Manchester City..... 2

BY CLIVE WHITE

AS ERIC Morecambe, comic and Luton Town supporter, used to say, "Get out of that". Relegation in this, of all seasons, though, is no laughing matter and, this time, there may be no great escape for the Bedfordshire club; not if its luck at Kenilworth Road on Saturday is anything to go by.

Victory is hard enough to come by for Luton these days without referees like John Key breaking their hearts. When Steve Redmond was penalised for pushing Brian Stein in the back, in injury time, Key allegedly awarded Luton a penalty, only to change his mind after consulting the linesmen about the position of the offence.

Even the dismissal of Redmond came too late to be of any benefit to the bottom club in the first division.

With three of the four teams directly above them all winning, it was not easy for David Pleat, the Luton manager, to draw much satisfaction from taking a point against the third best team in the country.

It explained, perhaps, why he was in one of his ironic moods: "I said to our goalkeeper at half-time: 'You've played 115 games for us and you haven't scored a goal yet. Can you get the ball a bit further up the field?' "

Pleat was being more realistic than ironic when he said of the torn hamstring injury suffered by Linton, his novice right back: "I don't think it is a position I would panic about at the moment. We are not going to go out and buy a big one." Pleat has long since become used to mending and making do at Kenilworth Road, a practice dating back to his first spell with the club.

But the cupboard was never quite as bare as it is now, as he pointed out in his programme notes. "The last three seasons' performances have caught up with the club and we are now paying for mistakes made on and off the field," he wrote. "Losing goalscoring forwards like Elstrup (his determined decision), Dowie (the bank and the club's inevitable decision) and Black (my unavoidable decision) has left the club rocking in the quest for goals.

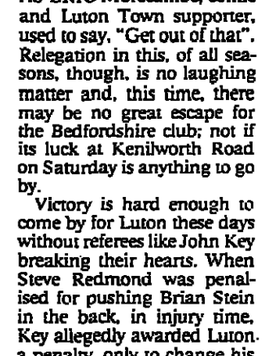
"Luton would not have escaped the drop last season had it not been for their goals which took the pressure off the defence or the points benefit derived from the artificial pitch."

Valid points, even if it does smack of excuse-making with the season not even half over. On a more optimistic note, Pleat said that, for the first time this season, he had taken "a little pleasure" from the team's performance and that he could see "there was a pattern developing in our game".

He was referring to the short-passing style he has attempted to indoctrinate at the club, rather than any pattern of failure. It is, after all, 13 games since they last won.

Their luck threatened to change when Harford clipped the ball through the legs of Margetson, deputising for the injured Coton, after 17 minutes. And again, when, following Curle's headed equaliser, Dreyer, their central defender, swept a short corner from Telfer straight past the stand-in goalkeeper.

But we had not bargained for City's exemplary away record and the persistence of Quinn, who as a recognised aerial forward will have taken particular delight with his superbly volleyed equaliser on the hour.



Harford: opening goal

LUTON TOWN: A Chamberlain, D Linton (sub: D Preece), C Kamara, J Dreyer, T Peake, P Telfer, B Stein, M Harford, M Pembridge, S Oakes.

MANCHESTER CITY: M Margetson, A Hill, N Pointon, G Megson, K Curle, S Redmond, D White, A Heath, N Quinn, I Brightwell, M Hughes.
Referee: J Key



MARC ASPLAND

Sent crashing: Saunders, the Liverpool forward, is felled by a tackle from Joseph, of Wimbledon, at Selhurst Park on Saturday

Souness rendered almost speechless

Wimbledon 0
Liverpool 0

BY STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRAEME Souness is usually not afraid to voice his opinion but, on Saturday, after being warned by the referee during the game, he was rendered virtually speechless after it, wary perhaps of uttering comments that might be open to misinterpretation on an event which merited minimal description.

"It was vastly different to last Sunday." That was all the Liverpool manager cared to say. He was referring to the televised fixture which was lifted to rare heights by Liverpool and West Ham United. At Selhurst Park, his side was pulled down to a level below mediocrity.

Being diminished by Wimbledon is a familiar experience for Liverpool, most notably in the 1988 FA Cup final when they were beaten by Sanchez's lone goal. Both clubs were in their prime three years ago and the contrast in styles at Wembley provided spectators with at least a modicum of entertainment.

Both teams are now considerably weakened. Wimbledon have sold so many of their players that their chairman, in a bizarre attempt to reverse the trend, has offered Fashanu, one of the few remaining survivors, not only the presidency of the club but also a valuation in the transfer market of £12 million.

Fashanu was unavailable, a groin strain having been kept secret all week. Without the scorer of their only goal in the last five matches, it was predictable that Wimbledon should maintain their other unproductive sequence. They have yet to win under the managership of Peter Withe.

Liverpool, so depleted that they resembled more or less a second team, had neither the experience nor the wit to create space for themselves and impose their own immeasurably more appealing passing game.

Molby, more rotund than in the past, was an incongruously regal figure. He introduced some class into an otherwise sterile midfield and one of his touches, a chip beyond Phelan into the path of McManaman, would have been admirable even if it had been executed six days earlier.

Souness, who was already without eight senior members of his squad, lost another midway through the first half. Rosenthal, whose pace was posing a threat, was felled by Fitzgerald, an offence which might have earned instant dismissal rather than a caution. Unjustly, it was the Israeli who had to depart.

In falling awkwardly, Rosenthal dislocated his collarbone and will be out for at least a month. It is unlikely that he would have been in the line-up for the Uefa Cup tie against Swarovski Tirol, but Liverpool scarcely needed yet another stroke of misfortune. Barnes, Rush, Whelan and Venison, as well as Rosenthal, are out of contention.

Liverpool, two days before leaving for Austria, could scarcely have competed in a less relevant practice game. As Souness implicitly suggested, it was almost too awful for words.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph, T Phelan, W Barton, J Scales, S Fitzgerald, N Ardley, R Earle, A Cork (sub: A Clarke), T Gibson, S Anthrobus.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, R Jones, D Burrows, S Nicol, J Molby, N Tanner, D Saunders, M Marsh, R Rosenthal (sub: G Hysen), G Ablett, S McManaman.
Referee: R Pawley

Arsenal rue growing cost of entertainment

BY PETER BALL

IS NOTHING sacred? As Arsenal extended their unwanted run to five games without a win, George Graham blamed the failures on the club trying to play entertaining football.

"We're still not the old, mean Arsenal," Graham complained after Steve Bould's header had earned a 1-1 draw at **Sheffield Wednesday**. "Perhaps it is because we are trying too hard to get rid of the 'boring' tag."

Arsenal? Boring? Surely not? Attempts to improve their image are only being taken so far, however. Last week, they left Oldham amidst allegations of provocative gestures and spitting. On Saturday, they got involved in a debate over dives. Arsenal accused Palmer of diving for the free kick which produced Hirst's goal for the home side and Palmer counterclaimed that he had not touched Wright when Arsenal gained a penalty.

That argument became irrelevant when Woods, back in England form, made a brilliant save. The result leaves the champions ten points behind the leaders, but they still fared better than most of their neighbours. **Chelsea** plunged to yet another defeat, at **Southampton**, Shearer scoring the only goal. **Queen's Park Rangers**, who lost — to **Oldham** 3-1 — at home for the second time in four days, dropped into the bottom two.

Things were even worse for **Crystal Palace**, who were destroyed 5-1 by **Nottingham Forest**. Brian Clough's decision to leave out his son, Nigel, and his £1 million signings, Tiler and Black, was fully justified as Forest's midfield left the England pair, Thomas and Gray, floundering in their wake.

Warnock looks for logical answer

Everton 1
Notts County 0

BY IAN ROSS

AFTER seeing his side comprehensively outplayed, Neil Warnock, the manager of Notts County, turned to logic to help lessen his disappointment.

By pointing out that his team was overwhelmed by opponents of greater experience and superior technique, he all but succeeded in convincing himself that a defeat that was narrow in scoreline only could be regarded as an achievement.

"We have come from the third division to the first division in just two years, whereas most of the Everton lads have been playing at this level for some time," he said. "When you are up against quality players, all you can do is try and learn and this was certainly a good lesson for us.

"Perhaps we could have gone away with a draw, but even I can't say that we deserved one. That would have been a travesty. Even though we lost this is still better than going to places like Crewe and Halifax."

Although Warnock was generous in his praise of Everton, he could barely disguise his envy when discussing the contrasting financial frameworks within which he and his opposite number, Howard Kendall, operate.

"They are one of the best sides I have seen this season, but if I was given £1.5 million to spend, I would be expected to buy a new stand," he said.

Warnock was referring to the purchase, earlier in the week, of Johnston, the Scotland international forward, who joined the Merseyside club from Rangers in Glasgow. Johnston's lack of match fitness was glaringly apparent, but, if nothing else, his arrival would appear to have had an invigorating effect on Cottee, the man he is likely to replace in the Everton attack.

Cottee struck the woodwork twice during a diligent performance and it was fitting that he should claim the afternoon's solitary goal when he swept home Hinchcliffe's magnificent 50-yard pass in the 38th minute.

EVERTON: N Southall, M Jackson, A Hinchcliffe, J Ebbrell, D Watson, M Keown, M Ward, P Beardsley, M Johnston (sub: A Harper), A Cottee, P Beagrie (sub: R Warzycha).

NOTTS COUNTY: S Chesy, C Palmer, A Paris, Craig Short, D Yates (sub: Christopher Short), M Draper, D Thomas, R Dryden, P Ridsdut, A Agana, T Johnson (sub: P Turner).
Referee: P Wright.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League First division

EVERTON (1) 1 NOTTS CO (0) 0
Cottee 37 24,230
LUTON (1) 2 MAN CITY (0) 2
Harford 17 Curle 45 Quinn 60
Dreyer 56 10,031
MAN UTD (2) 2 WEST HAM (0) 1
Giggs 15 Robson 42 McAvennie 76
47,165
NORWICH (0) 3 COVENTRY (1) 2
Bowen 46 Fleck 85 Gallacher 28 47
Sutton 90 12,056
NOTTM F (2) 5 C PALACE (0) 1
Sheringham 6 Thomas 84
89 (pen) 22,367
Pearce 14 Gemmill
49 Woan 65
QPR (1) 1 OLDHAM (3) 3
Ferdinand 31 Henry 26 Palmer 29
8,947 Sharp 31
SHEFF WED (1) 1 ARSENAL (0) 1
Hirst 19 Bould 64
32,174
SOTON (1) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Sheerer 42 14,933
TOTTENHM (0) 0 SHEFF UTD (0) 1
28,168 Deane 54
WIMBLEDN (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (0) 0
13,373

Yesterday

A VILLA (0) 1 LEEDS (1) 4
Yorke 67 Wallace 40
23,666 Sterland 46
Chapman 56 90

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Leeds Utd	17	6	2	0	15	5	4	4	1	16	7	36
Man Utd	16	6	3	0	17	3	4	2	1	8	5	35
Man City	17	4	1	3	11	10	5	2	2	13	9	30
A Villa	17	5	1	3	14	9	3	2	3	9	10	27
C Palace	16	4	2	2	12	12	4	1	3	14	18	27
Arsenal	16	5	1	2	16	9	2	4	2	15	12	26
Sheff Wed	17	6	2	1	20	10	1	3	4	7	11	26
Norwich	17	4	4	1	11	8	2	4	2	11	11	26
Everton	17	5	3	1	15	7	2	1	5	9	14	25
Nottm For	16	5	1	2	15	13	2	1	5	11	12	23
Liverpool	15	4	2	1	10	6	1	5	2	5	6	22
Chelsea	17	2	4	2	14	13	3	3	3	10	11	22
Tottenham	14	2	0	4	8	8	4	2	2	14	11	20
Coventry	17	4	1	4	11	6	2	1	5	7	12	20
Oldham	16	3	4	1	15	11	2	0	6	8	12	19
Wimbledon	17	4	2	3	14	10	1	2	5	8	14	19
West Ham	17	2	3	3	7	8	2	4	3	11	13	19
Notts Co	17	3	1	4	11	16	2	2	5	8	11	18
Soton	17	2	2	5	5	16	2	2	4	9	10	16
Sheff Utd	17	3	2	3	10	10	1	1	7	13	23	15
QPR	17	1	4	4	9	14	2	2	4	6	12	15
Luton	17	2	4	2	9	9	0	1	8	2	26	11

FA VASE: Second round: Harrogate RA 0, Penrith 1; Great Harwood 1, Farsley Celtic 1 (aet); Dunston FB 3, Thackley 2 (aet), Liversedge 3, Bamber Bridge 0; Newton Aycliffe 3, Hebburn 1; Cheshire Lines Street 2, Durham 0; Bridlington 5, Billingham 0; North Ferriby 1, West Auckland 0; Newcastle 3, Sheffield 2, Guiseley 2, Garforth 0; Eastwood Hanley 4, Harrogate 1, Belper 2, Harworth Cl 1; Ossett Town 3, Atherton LR 3 (aet); Flixton 8, Borrowash Victoria 3; Knowsley 1, Cammell Laird 0; Burscough 2, Rossendale 0; Ashton United 2, Maine Road 1, Salford 0, Brigg 1; Eccleshall 0, Wisbech 2, Gresley 1, Blakenall 0; Chasetown 3, Witney 2 (aet); Bilston 3, APV Peterborough 1; Anstey Nomads 3, Spalding 2, Raunds 3, Holbeach 0; Hinckley Athletic 3, Hucknall 2; West Midlands Police 3, Rushall Olympic 1 (aet), Racing Club Warwick 1, Solihull Borough 3; Evesham 3, Buckingham 1; Penton 0, Walthamstow Pennant 4, Diss 4, Viking Sports 0; Felixstowe 2, Chesnunt 0; Arlesey 0, Newmarket 2, Great Yarmouth 2, Cockfosters 1, Edgware 4, Basildon 3; Burnham Ramblers 5, East Thurrock 3, Collier Row 4, Harefield 0, Saffron Walden 3, Wroxham 1; Berkhamsted 2, Harwich and Parkeston 1, Metropolitan Police 1, Royston 0; Gorleston 0, Hampton 2; Havermill 1, Sudbury 1 (aet); Billericay 4, Kings Lynn 2; Horsham 2, Littlehampton 2 (aet); Stringbourne 4, Tilbury 2 (aet), Malden Vale 2, Thatcham 2 (aet), Hythe 3, Herne Bay 2; Chertsey 3, Peacehaven and Telscombe 2; Faversham 1, Whitstable 0; Three Bridges 2, Greenwich Borough 0;

Second division

BRISTOL R (2) 2 DERBY (1) 3
Cross 12 Mehew 15 Patterson 6
6,513 Williams 80 (pen)
Davison 90
CHARLTON (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE (2) 2
Gorman 61 Taylor 26 Dublin 38
6,350
GRIMSBY (0) 1 MILLWALL (0) 1
Cunnington 82 McGinley 88
5,701
LEICESTER (0) 0 PORT VALE (1) 1
11,405 Jeffers 1
MIDDLSBRO (2) 3 BRISTOL C (1) 1
Payton 4 Taylor 40
Slaven 30 59 12,936
NEWCSTLE (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0
23,639
OXFORD (1) 3 BRIGHTON (0) 1
Simpson 2 Gall 58
Magilton 47 4,563
Nogan 90
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 SUNDRLND (0) 0
Fjorn 71 8,007
SOUTHEND (0) 2 BARNSLEY (0) 1
Angell 68 Tilson 73 Saville 78
5,060
WATFORD (1) 2 PORTSMTH (0) 1
Blissett 25 46 Doling 83
8,135
WOLVES (1) 1 IPSWICH (0) 2
Birch 7 Linighan 55
11,315 Dozzell 61

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cambridge	18	5	3	1	15	6	3	1	2	16	13	37
Middlesbro	20	9	2	0	19	3	2	2	5	9	13	37
Derby Co	19	5	1	3	14	8	5	3	2	15	12	34
Swindon	18	6	1	2	19	12	3	3	3	17	11	31
Blackburn	18	6	2	1	15	6	3	2	4	8	11	31
Ipswich	20	5	1	3	13	12	3	5	2	16	15	31
Leicester	19	5	2	2	15	7	4	1	5	9	17	30
Southend	18	5	2	2	19	10	3	2	3	9	8	29
Portsmouth	18	6	2	1	12	3	2	3	5	9	16	29
Charlton	20	5	2	3	13	12	3	3	3	10	10	29
Bristol C	19	6	3	1	13	8	1	4	4	10	17	28
Millwall	19	3	1	4	13	13	4	4	3	17	13	26
Tranmere	17	4	4	1	14	11	2	4	2	8	7	26
Port Vale	20	3	5	1	10	9	3	1	7	11	15	24
Sunderland	19	3	4	1	14	9	3	1	7	16	21	23
Newcastle	20	4	6	1	20	15	1	2	5	10	16	23
Watford	19	4	0	6	11	13	3	2	4	10	11	22
Grimsby	17	3	3	3	13	13	3	0	5	6	15	21
Brighton	20	3	3	4	18	15	2	2	5	9	17	20
Barnsley	20	4	0	6	10	15	2	2	6	9	16	20
Wolves	18	2	2	5	13	16	3	2	4	11	12	19
Bristol R	19	2	4	3	16	17	2	3	5	9	14	19
Plymouth	18	5	1	3	9	11	0	2	7	8	19	18
Oxford	20	4	2	5	16	15	1	0	8	11	21	17

Langney Sports 3, Hastings 3 (aet); Havant 1, Newport (IOW) 2; Didcot 1, Worthing 2 (aet), Tonbridge 1, Thame 6, Pagham 3, Slade Green 0; Northwood 3, Purfleet 2, Chipperham 1, Paulton 3, Shortwood 3, Bridport 1; Torrington 1, Keynsham 0; Yate 3, Newbury Town 0; Cinderford 3, Newquay 1; Wimborne 5, Chard 2, Hungerford 2, Torpoint Athletic 1; Dawlish 1, Welton 2; Tiverton 2, Swanage and Herston 0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 0, Hayes 0, Bishop's Stortford 3, Grays 0; Bognor 2, Harrow 2, Dagenham 1, Carshalton 1; Enfield 0, Bromley 1; Hendon 0, Woking 5; Kingstonian 3, St Albans 5; Marlow 1, Wivenhoe 2; Staines 1, Wokingham 3, Sutton United 1, Chesham 1, Windsor and Eton 1, Basingstoke 3 First division: Barking 0, Uxbridge 1; Boreham Wood 1, Wembley 2; Chalfont St Peter 1, Wallon and Hersham 1; Croydon 3, Dorking 2; Harlow 0, Stevenage Borough 2, Hitchin 2, Whyteleafe 0; Leyton Wingate 1, Dulwich 1, Maidenhead 3, Aveley 2; Molesey 0, Abingdon 2, Tooting and Mitcham 2, Heybridge Swifts 0 Second division: Barton 1, Witham 1, Hemel Hempstead 2, Ruislip Manor 0; Southall 0, Rainham 0, Worthing 1, Leatherhead 2. Third division: Cove 2, Hornchurch 0, Flackwell Heath 2, Kingsbury 0; Hertford 5, Clapton 3; Petersfield 2, Feltham and Hounslow B 2

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1, Dover 1, Burton 0, Dartford 1; Cambridge City 0, Bashley 1; Chelmsford 0, Halesowen 0; Dorchester 2, VS Rugby 1; Fisher 1, Poole 0; Gloucester 0, Gravesend 1, Moor Green 1, Bromsgrove 1, Trowbridge 2, Crawley

Third division

BIRMINGHM (0) 1 EXETER (0) 0
Gleghorn 78 11,319
BOLTON (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 0
Reeves 90 7,033
BRADFORD (1) 4 SWANSEA (4) 6
McCarthy 40 Williams 17 43 54
Duxbury 50 Beauchamp 20
Torpey 55 79 Legg 37 Gilligan 59
5,728
CHESTER (1) 2 READING (1) 2
Rimmer 7 Abel 71 Maskell 18 62 (pen)
1,124
DARLINGTN (1) 1 PETERBORO (0) 2
Smith 26 Riley 57 Charlery 77
2,815
FULHAM (0) 1 STOCKPORT (0) 2
Cole 79 Francis 49
3,680 Beaumont 88
L ORIENT (1) 1 HULL (0) 0
Howard 30
SHRWSBRY (0) 1 HARTLPOOL (3) 4
Donaldson 86 Olsson 18 70
2,368 Dalton 27 Baker 38
STOKE (2) 3 TORQUAY (0) 0
Biggins 2 9,124
Stein 34 59
WBA (2) 2 HUDDRSFLD (1) 1
Robson 25 Roberts 19
Harbey 42 14,029

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brentford	17	6	1	2	23	14	5	1	2	9	4	35
Birmingham	17	7	2	0	21	9	3	3	2	10	9	35
WBA	17	8	2	1	18	7	4	2	2	7	8	34
Huddersfld	17	5	2	1	10	4	4	2	3	15	12	31
Stoke	17	5	3	1	16	9	2	4	2	8	7	28
Stockport	16	5	1	1	17	8	3	2	4	12	14	27
L Orient	17	5	4	0	11	4	3	1	5	10	16	24
Bolton	17	4	3	1	9	6	2	4	3	15	17	25
Exeter	17	6	2	1	17	8	1	2	5	8	20	25
Hull	17	4	0	4	17	10	3	3	3	6	8	24
Preston	17	5	3	0	16	6	1	2	6	8	15	23
Peterboro	17	4	3	1	10	7	2	2	5	7	16	23
Fulham	17	3	2	3	7	5	3	2	4	12	15	22
Hartlepool	17	5	1	2	14	9	1	3	5	12	19	22
Bradford	17	3	3	2	19	17	2	4	3	9	12	20
Bournemth	17	3	3	3	7	7	1	5	2	6	8	20
Reading	17	1	4	3	9	11	3	3	3	11	12	19
Shrewsbry	16	4	2	2	13	8	1	2	5	5	15	19
Bury	17	2	4	3	15	16	2	1	5	10	16	17
Wigan	17	4	1	4	13	12	0	4	4	8	17	17
Swansea	16	3	4	1	12	9	1	1	6	6	17	17
Chester	17	3	2	3	10	8	1	1	7	10	15	15
Torquay	17	5	0	4	11	9	0	0	8	6	19	15
Darlington	16	2	1	5	12	13	2	1	5	11	18	14

1. Waterlooville 0, Weeldstone 1; Worcester 1, Corby 2; Southern division: Andover 3, Dunstable 1; Burnham 2, Braintree 1; Bury 0, Canterbury City 0; Fareham 1, Ashford Town 3, Gosport Borough 0, Erith and Belvedere 1, Margate 1, Salisbury 0; Weymouth 0, Baldock 0 Midland division: Alvechurch 1, Nuneaton Borough 0; Bedworth 3, Newport AFC 2; Bridgnorth 3, Barry 2, Leicester United 2, Dudley 0; Rushden 2, Stroud 0, Stourbridge 0, Grantham 2, Tamworth 2, Hednesford 3

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Second round: Accrington Stanley 1, Southport 2, Bishop Auckland 1, Hyde 0, Chorley 1, Winsford 3, Colwyn Bay 1, Matlock 2, Fleetwood 1, Emley 0; Frickley 2, Worksop 1, Marine 2, Gainsborough 0, Morecambe 3, Shepshed 1; Radcliffe Borough 0, Goole 2; Stalybridge 2, Leek 0; Whitley Bay 1, Droylsden 0. First division: Caernarfon 3, Irlam 0; Congleton 0, Lancaster City 0, Curzon Ashton 4, Alfreton 1, Eastwood Town 2, Newtown 2, Rhyl 1, Workington 0, Warrington 2, Netherfield 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 0, Newry 2, Bangor 1, Glenavon 0, Carrick 1, Crusaders 3, Cliftonville 1, Larne 1; Distillery 0, Glentoran 2, Linfield 5, Ards 2, Omagh Town 3, Ballyclare Comrades 0, Portadown 2, Coleraine 0

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Arsenal 2, Oxford Utd 4, Portsmouth 1, QPR 3; Reading 2, Crystal Palace 5

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 1, Manchester Utd 6.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service 3, West Wickham 1; Norseman 0, Old Actonians 3, Wimbledon Hill 4, Carshalton 4, Broomfield 3, Southgate Olympic 1, Bis 1, Crouch End Vampires 4, South Bank Polytechnic 4, Alexandra Park 1, Brentham 0, Merton 1; Cuaco 3, Old Lyonians 3

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 2, Langley Park Welfare 3, Blyth Spartans 2, Ferryhill Athletic 0, Gretna 2, Brandon 0; Murton 2, Northallerton 0; Seaham Red Star 1, Whitby 2, Shildon 1, Consett 4, Tow Law 4, Easington Colliery 0, Whickham 1, Newcastle Blue Star 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 1, Pontefract Col 1; Maltby MW 3, Spennymoor 1, North Shields 7, Glasshoughton Wel 0; Sutton Town 2, Denaby 1, Winterton Rangers 2, Eccleshill 0

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Colpose 2, Southgate County 3, Witan 3, Nottsborough 1.

Fourth division

BLACKPL (0) 0 CREWE (1) 2
4,534 Carr 21 58
CARDIFF (1) 3 NORTHPTN (1) 2
Gibbins 41 Burnham 4 86
Dale 47 86 2,922
CARLISLE (0) 1 HEREFORD (0) 0
Walling 54 2,032
LINCOLN (1) 4 SCUNTHRPE (1) 2
Finney 17 Martin 3
Lormor 55 76 85 Alexander 80
3,078
MAIDSTONE (0) 0 BURNLEY (1) 1
2,375 Conroy 27 (pen)
MANSFIELD (2) 4 GILLINGHAM (2) 3
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Holland 65 Arnott 48
3,287
ROCHDALE (1) 1 BARNET (0) 0
Bowden 45 3,033
WREXHAM (0) 0 CHESTRFLD (1) 1
1,635 Turnbull 3
YORK (1) 1 ALDERSHOT (0) 0
McCarthy 13 2,050

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Mansfield	18	4	2	1	16	8	7	1	1	19	8	36
Barnet	17	8	0	1	24	12	3	2	3	16	9	35
Burnley	16	6	1	1	16	5	5	0	3	18	10	34
Blackpool	17	6	2	1	19	5	3	3	2	12	10	32
Rotherham	16	4	2	1	13	7	4	3	2	13	8	29
Rochdale	16	4	4	1	10	8	3	3	1	11	11	28
Crewe	16	3	4	2	15	11	4	1	2	16	10	26
Chesterfld	16	3	2	3	8	7	4	2	2	9	10	25
Scunthorpe	17	5	2	1	16	10	2	2	5	9	19	25
Cardiff	16	5	1	2	17	10	1	5	2	7	11	24
Hereford	18	6	1	1	15	5	1	2	5	4	11	24
Walsall	16	4	2	1	12	4	3	1	5	10	16	24
York	16	4	3	1	12	6	1	2	5	4	13	20
Gillingham	16	3	3	1	13	6	1	3	5	10	14	18
Halifax	16	2	2	5	5	14	3	1	3	6	8	18
Scarboro	17	4	4	0	14	14	0	3	5	8	16	17
Lincoln	16	1	2	4	5	15	3	2	4	7	10	16
Wrexham	17	4	2	2	14	11	0	2	6	5	23	16
Northampton	16	2	4	2	10	9	1	2	5	8	13	15
Carlisle	17	2	3	4	9	13	1	3	4	11	18	15
Maidstone	16	3	3	3	10	11	0	3	4	5	16	15
Aldershot	16	1	2	4	10	14	1	2	6	4	13	10
Doncaster	16	1	2	5	7	16	0	3	5	9	15	8

Old Boys 2; Mill Hill City 4, Old Camdensans 5; Old Aloysians 2, Enfield Old Boys 1; Old Choimeleians 2, Ravenscroft Old Boys 0; Old Greenfordians 4, Leyton Old Boys 5; Old Hamptonians 1, Old Chigwellians 5; Old Ignatians 3, Latymer Old Boys 1; Old Isleworthians 0, Phoenix 2; Old Meadonians 4, Old Forresters 1; Old Owens 4, Old Southallians 2; Old Parmiterians 8, Old Grocers 7; Old Reptonians 2, Old Danes 1; Old Tiffinians 2, Chertsey 0. Premier division: Old Alleyns 1, Old Tenisonians 6.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny 1, Maesteg 0; Aberystwyth 1, Llanelli 0; Afan Lido 1, Inter Cardiff 2; Brecon 0, Cwmbran 3; Bridgend 1, Ferndale 1; Caldicot 0, Ton Pentre 2, Ebbw Vale 2, Pembroke 2; Haverfordwest 0, Briton Ferry 2.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Ipswich Town 0, Maidstone Tigresses 0; Knowsley United 2, Red Star Southampton 2; Millwall Lionesses 0, Doncaster Belles 5. Notts Rangers 1, Wimbledon 2.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone 0, Bray Wanderers 0; Cork City 0, Derry City 0; Drogheda 0, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Shamrock Rovers 3, Galway United 0; Sligo Rovers 1, Dundalk 2. Leading positions: 1, Dundalk, played 14, 20pts; 2, Shelbourne, 13, 20; 3, Derry City, 14, 20.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 2, Duisburg 1; Bayern Munich 1, Karlsruhe 0; Nuramberg 1, Werder Bremen 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Hansa Rostock 0; Hamburg 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1; Kaiserslautern 1, Schalke 1; VfB Stuttgart 2, Bayer Leverkusen 0; Bochum 2, Stuttgart Kickers 2; Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Wattenschaid 0. Postponed: Cologne v Dynamo Dresden. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, 25pts; 2, VfB Stuttgart, 24; 3, Borussia Dortmund, 24.

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ALTRINCHM (1) 4 BATH (0) 0
Anderson 44 65 771
68 (pen)
McKenna 46
BARROW (0) 0 WYCOMBE (1) 1
1,438 Scott 6
BOSTON (1) 1 YEOVIL (0) 3
Jones 30 McDermott 84
1,240 Shail 88
Carroll 90
CHELTNHM (0) 0 STAFFORD (0) 0
808
COLCHSTR (0) 3 WELLING (0) 1
Bennett 51 Cook 60 Reynolds 62
English 73 2,593
GATSHEAD (0) 2 WITTON (1) 1
Halliday 60 Butler 66 Grimshaw 31
273
KETTERING (1) 2 SLOUGH (2) 3
Christie 9 Joseph 1 55
Graham 73 Thompson 3
1,830
KIDDRMSTR (0) 1 FARNBORO (1) 1
Llwall 55 Coombes 14
1,175
MERTHYR (1) 2 RUNCORN (0) 0
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Kankkunen's world title aspirations are boosted after first day of Lombard RAC Rally

McRae mounts mighty challenge

BY STEPHEN SLATER

JUHA Kankkunen, of Finland, was forced to overcome an unexpected challenge from the young Scot, Colin McRae, but still headed into Chester last night as the leader of the Lombard RAC Rally. It was first blood for the Fin in his battle for the world rally championship title as the defending champion, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, was forced to settle for fourth position at the overnight halt, despite setting the fastest time on the final special stage of the day at Oulton Park, in Cheshire.

A storming drive through packed spectator stages saw Kankkunen's Lancia depose the initial rally leader, Markku Alen, driving a Subaru, but then both the Fins had to fight to stay ahead of McRae, aged 23, who finished the opening day in second position. This was despite two early scares as his Subaru spun off the slippery opening special stage at Harrogate and repeated it at Rother Valley in South Yorkshire, though fortunately without damage in either case.

"The car is still perfect at the moment," a delighted McRae said. "The worst thing is that the stages are all very slippery where the cars in front have churned up the mud, that's why we spun on stages one and three."

Faced with a recovery from fifteenth place, McRae responded with the form which has made him the youngest British rally champion. Driving flat-out, McRae set the fastest time on the fifth special stage at Donnington Park and matched Kankkanun's fastest time on the subsequent stage at Sutton Park, to regain his second place as the 172-car field swept through the Midlands.

The other leading British drivers, Malcolm Wilson and David Llewellin, were forced to share ninth position in the overnight results, as they dead-heated over the nine short yet tricky special stages which made up the opening day. Llewellin driving the new Nissan Sunny, was initiallly delayed by choosing the wrong type of tyre to suit the slippery conditions, but matched the pace of the rally leaders as he fought back later in the day to equal Wilson's result in his Ford Sierra Cosworth. Although the Donnington Park special stage spelled success for Colin McRae, it meant disaster for his younger brother, Alister, aged 20. His production class, Group N Subaru Legacy suffered a blown turbocharger on the stage and despite pushing the car for over half a mile, the chances of a double celebration for the McRae family were ruined.

McRae, junior, was not the only casualty of the opening day's action. Carlos Mennem, the son of the Argentine president, only survived the first few hundred yards of the event before his Ford Sierra crashed off the opening special stage in the Great Yorkshire Showground. Mennem limped out of the stage with badly damaged bodywork but subsequently retired after his mechanics discovered a badly bent chassis on the car.

Sadly, one driver was destined not even to reach the starting ramp. David Greer, of Belfast, awoke yesterday morning to discover that thieves had stolen his Ford Sierrra Cosworth 4x4 rally car, while another crew had £30,000 of spares stolen

LEADING POSITIONS (after nine stages) 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 33min 57sec; 2, C McRae (GB), Subaru Legacy, 34:02; equal 3, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota Celica, and M Alen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, 34:05; 5, K Eriksson (Swe), Mitsubishi Galant, 34:17; 6, D Auriol (Fr), Lancia Delta, 34:27; 7, S Blomqvist (Swe), Nissan Sunny, 34:28; 8, A Vatanen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, 34:34; equal 9, M Wilson (GB), Ford Sierra, and D Llewellin (GB), Nissan Sunny, 34:38



Lakeside view: one spectator watches Hannu Mikkola closely during the Rother Valley stage in the Lombard RAC Rally yesterday

GOLF

Nelson hijacks winning role off Ballesteros

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MIYAZAKI, JAPAN

THE scene was set perfectly yesterday for Severiano Ballesteros to win the Dunlop Phoenix here for the third time. The Spaniard came to the last needing a birdie four to break a four-way tie at 12 under par. All eyes were on him and he responded by hitting his third shot to ten feet. The title must surely be his.

To general disbelief, Ballesteros missed the putt and the title eventually went to the altogether less colourful figure of Larry Nelson, one of the most unsung triple major champions of all time.

He outlasted Jay Don Blake, who bowed out at the first extra hole, the 18th; Ballesteros, who parred the 16th, the third extra hole, but was removed by Nelson's birdie from 35 feet and one from nine feet by Isao Aoki; and, finally, Aoki, who could not match the American's par three at the 17th, the fourth and final tie hole.

It was the Georgia-based Nelson's first victory in this, Japan's richest tournament, and his first win since the Suntory Open, also in Japan, in 1989. He earned 36 million yen, which is worth roughly $277,000 and compares most favourably with the $160,543 he won on the US tour this season.

Ballesteros, who shot a 70 that featured five birdies and three bogeys, felt he had enough chances to win but not the necessary luck. Still, his cheque for 14,400,000 yen made him the first player to win over Y100 million from this event, a rich sort of solace.

Rather unexpectedly, the next best European was Sandy Lyle, who had matching halves of 33 in a well-nigh perfect 66, six under par. He called it boring but his caddie, wife Jolande, was well pleased: "I spoke to him sharply a couple of times," she said, "and stopped him getting down on himself. It's tough for other caddies to talk to him like that but I'm not scared of losing my job." The Lyles' top ten finish earned them Y4,300,000.

Miguel Martin, of Spain, was twelfth with a 70 but José-Maríá Olazábal had a 74 to share fifteenth place on 282 and if he thought he was bad — and he did — he should consider the plight of John Daly. The US PGA champion had a 79 and the embarrassment of a nine, five over par, at the second, where he twice drove out of bounds.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (Japan unless stated): 278: L Nelson (US), 70, 71, 67, 68; S Ballesteros (Sp), 68, 69, 69, 70; I Aoki, 73, 68, 69, 66; J D Blake (US), 69, 71, 68, 69 (Nelson won play-off). 277: M Reid (US), 70, 69, 69, 69. 278: N Henke (US), 67, 72, 69, 70; M Brooks (US), 66, 68, 71, 73. 279: C Stadler (US), 72, 68, 67, 72; R Mackay (Aus), 69, 70, 67, 73. 280: A Lyle (GB), 68, 74, 72, 66; M Harwood (Aus), 71, 70, 71, 68. 281: M Ozaki, 71, 76, 66, 68; S Hoch (US), 71, 69, 72, 69; M-A Martin (Sp), 68, 71, 72, 70. 282: J-M Olazábal (Sp), 68, 71, 69, 74; G Marsh (Aus), 73, 70, 70, 69; K Hasegawa, 68, 68, 72, 74. 283: N Ozaki, 73, 73, 67, 70. 284: L Mize (US), 70, 73, 66, 75; S Kanai, 71, 71, 69, 73.

GOLF

Grady brings to an end a winless run

WAYNE Grady won the Australian PGA championship in Sydney yesterday with a final round of 69 with gave him a three-shot cushion over the pursuing pack.

This included the British Ryder Cup player Steven Richardson, who finished with a share of third place.

Grady, who had a four-round total of 271, 13-under-par, had not won since his victory in the 1990 US PGA championship at Shoal Creek, Alabama, a period of some 15 months. This was his third title in his home country. Second place was filled by another Australian, Brett Ogle, the defending champion.

Ogle did his best to put the pressure on Grady with a final round of 67, which included an eagle at the 14th.

Richardson, who was only two shots behind going into the final round could do no better than a 73 and would have been relegated to fourth place had Neil Kerry, a local player, not missed a short putt on the last green.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Wyllie in a quandary

Alex Wyllie, the All Blacks rugby union coach, may leave New Zealand for South Africa after being offered a coaching position there.

Wyllie, who has coached the All Blacks since 1987, says he has to give an answer to the approach within the next few days.

Dagley beaten

Billiards — Norman Dagley, of England, was beaten 8-3 by Geet Sethi, of India, in the final of the Palm Beach World Masters championship.

New leader

Equestrianism: Germany's Franke Sloothaak, on Walzerkoenig, won the Volvo World Cup qualifier in Berlin to move to the head of the European League.

A failed bid

Tennis: Chris Wilkinson, aged 21, a British Davis Cup player, failed in his attempt to reach the final of the Challenger tournament in Auckland when beaten 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 by an Australian qualifier, Pat Rafter.

Donnelly's date

Motor sport: The British driver Martin Donnelly has set his sights on a return to Formula One by 1993 as he fights to achieve fitness

BADMINTON

Hall secures his place in grand prix finals

DARREN Hall, of England, clinched his place in next month's grand prix finals when he beat Jens Olsson, of Sweden, to win the men's singles at the Carlton Vauxhall Scottish Open championships at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, yesterday.

Hall, the No. 1 seed, came back from losing the first game 15-11 to take the next two 15-9, 15-1 and become the first English winner since Steve Baddeley in 1986.

"I've been ill and have been out of training since the Danish Open three weeks ago, and did not think I would be able to play," Hall said. "There was added pressure because I had to win to make sure of my place in the grand prix finals in Kuala Lumpur."

In the women's singles, Lim Xiao Qing, who defected to Sweden from China two years ago, crushed Christine Magnusson, the top seed, 11-0, 11-3 to win her first grand prix title. Lim and Magnusson teamed up to win the women's doubles 15-11, 15-5 against the Danish pair of Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen and Marlene Thomsen.

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Strong hitting takes Singh past Stewart

FROM SIMON WILDE IN RABAT

VIJAY Singh's powerful hitting eventually proved decisive yesterday when he won the Hassan Trophy and a prize of $100,000 on the Dar es Salam course here. The leader since the first day, Singh was overtaken by Payne Stewart at the 7th yesterday, before coming back with three successive birdies to beat the American in a play-off at the first extra hole.

Going to the 225-yard 17th, Singh trailed Stewart by two strokes. He holed a putt there for a two to reduce the deficit to one shot. At the 555-yard 18th, he smashed a drive and a three-wood to the apron of the green, and despite making a poor chip, holed a ten-foot putt to ensure he took Stewart down the 16th in a play-off.

FINAL SCORES: 285: V Singh (Fiji), 70, 73, 71 71; P Stewart (US), 76, 70, 70, 69. Singh won play-off at first extra hole. 287: N Faldo (GB), 73, 73, 69, 72. 288: B Marchbank (GB), 77, 69, 70, 72; B Claar (US), 72, 72, 72, 72. 290: A Forsbrand (Swe), 74, 76, 73, 67

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Lewis emerges as serious contender for world title


Lewis: highly rated

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTA

FOR the first time since Bob Fitzsimmons lifted the world title 95 years ago, a British heavyweight can be seen to have a serious chance of winning the greatest prize in boxing.

Lennox Lewis, the British and European champion, emerged as the man most likely to succeed after he had stopped Tyrell Biggs, of the United States, in the third round and Evander Holyfield, the world champion, had come close to being knocked out by Bert Cooper, of Philadelphia, here on Saturday. Cooper, a second substitute, came in at a week's notice after Francesco Damiani, of Italy, had dropped out with an ankle injury.

While Holyfield fought back to halt Cooper, controversially, in the seventh round, the champion's inability to take a big punch was exposed, thus enhancing Lewis's chances were he to meet Holyfield.

Lewis, born in London 25 years ago, won the 1988 Olympic super-heavyweight gold medal for Canada. He has won all his 18 professional contests, 16 of them inside the distance, and had been prepared to wait until the end of 1992 for a chance, but after seeing Holyfield stumbling helplessly along the ropes after receiving a right from Cooper in the third round, he said: "I want the first shot."

He added: "A lot of fighters out there will say 'Boy!'. I want to be the first to knock him out. Bert Cooper was surprised that he hurt him. If that was me, I would have done a Rambo.

"It took Holyfield a while to stop Cooper. His power as a heavyweight is suspect as well as his chin. He was exposed. I would be very upset if Tyson got to him first. I want to win the world heavyweight title and I would like to make my first defence against Frank Bruno."

Seth Abraham, the president of Time-Warner, the parent company of HBO, the biggest cable network in the United States, said: "He [Lewis] took two steps forward tonight. He fought a very composed fight, well within himself. He is the best British heavyweight that I am familiar with."

Abraham said that HBO made Lewis's bout with Biggs the main supporting contest rather than that of Michael Moorer. "We wanted to have Lewis as the co-feature. Moorer and Bowe [Riddick Bowe, another leading heavyweight contender] had asked for that slot but HBO chose Lennox because he has more potential.

"We want him to fight Holyfield. Around 25 million saw Lennox-Biggs. Fans make fights and my job is to increase Lennox's profile. American boxing fans must get more viewing of this guy."

Lewis must wait to see what happens to Tyson's appeal for a postponement of his trial for rape. Tyson, who is the No. 1 contender, has already had a request turned down and, unless his lawyers are successful, his trial will go ahead in Indianapolis on January 27.

If Tyson is given a postponement, he is likely to challenge Holyfield in March. That would mean Lewis, who has a four-bout contract with HBO, appearing in a Tournament of Young Champions in February in which he could face Francesco Damiani.

Holyfield's flaws, page 33

Aston Villa's championship credentials are exposed by the impressive first division leaders

Leeds display championship style

Aston Villa 1
Leeds United 4

BY STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

RON Atkinson's assessment, though perhaps exaggerated, was essentially correct. Having declared that Aston Villa were "a million miles away" from winning the championship, he watched his side beaten at home so emphatically by genuine contenders that the margin might, in the end, have represented the deepest humiliation.

Leeds United, habitually exchanging the first division leadership with Manchester United, went back to the top again by equalling their biggest ever win at Villa Park. But for Sealey, who made half a dozen saves of note during yesterday's televised fixture, they would comfortably have surpassed the record they set nine years ago.

They deserved no less. Convincing at the back, where Fairclough nullified the danger posed by Daley, inventive in midfield, where McAllister and Strachan shone, and sharp in attack, they played like potential champions. In doing so, they exposed the pretensions of Villa and ended their sequence of five successive victories.

Poignantly, the player most responsible for revealing those deficiencies was Strachan. Atkinson not only bought him to Old Trafford, but, recognising that the Scottish international's talent was undiminished by age, attempted in vain to sign him again when he was in charge of Sheffield Wednesday.

Strachan has so far helped to lift Leeds out of the second division, won personal acclaim last season by being voted the Footballer of the Year and is now in the process of guiding his club to the biggest prize of all. His contribution yesterday included the creation of all four goals.

He was scarcely to be seen during a typically stagnant opening, but when belatedly he made an impact, Villa were invariably in danger. In the fortieth minute, for instance, he so precisely returned a throw-in that Sterland had time to measure his driven cross.

Chapman, consequently able to time his run, glanced it and Sealey could only it palm it towards Wallace who was lurking at the far post. Once their lead was established, Leeds took control of midfield, where Blake and Richardson were outnumbered and outplayed, and of the game itself.

Even though they had to plough through the centre circle, a bare and muddied patch, Leeds dismantled Villa with the speed and precision of their movement and their exchanges. Their advantage was extended immediately after the interval when Strachan's corner was flicked on by Whyte to Sterland, who scored with a spectacular diving header.


Held back: Wallace, of Leeds, tries to reach the ball at Villa Park yesterday while Kosecki, the Villa defender, impedes him

Sealey, under seige, was beaten again before the hour when McAllister bemused everyone but Strachan with a deft back heel. The 34-year-old threaded his way along the touchline before picking out Chapman, who had only to side-foot home from a couple of yards to claim his fourth League goal of the season.

Chapman almost added another before Villa gained meagre respectability.

Dalien Atkinson was, for once, released through an otherwise compact back four and his angled drive was parried by Lukić. Yorke, Villa's leading scorer, escorted the loose ball into the net to maintain his record of scoring a goal a game in the last six fixtures. Leeds responded by threatening to score several more of their own.

Sealey denied Dorigo with his legs and watched another drive from Strachan graze a post before Chapman completed the afternoon by heading in Sterland's curled cross. The full back, it hardly need by added, had been freed on the right by Strachan.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds Utd	17	10	6	1	31	13	36
Manchester U	16	10	5	1	25	8	35
Man City	17	9	3	5	24	19	30
A Villa	17	8	3	6	23	19	27
C Palace	16	8	3	5	26	30	27
Arsenal	16	7	5	4	31	21	26
Sheff Wed	17	7	5	5	27	21	26
Norwich	17	6	8	3	22	19	26
Everton	17	7	4	6	24	21	25
Nottm For	16	7	2	7	30	25	23
Liverpool	15	5	7	3	15	12	22
Chelsea	17	5	7	5	24	24	22
Tottenham	14	6	2	6	22	19	20
Coventry	17	5	2	9	18	18	20
Oldham	16	5	4	7	29	24	19
Wimbledon	17	5	4	8	22	24	19
West Ham	17	4	7	6	18	21	19
Notts Co	17	5	3	9	19	27	18
Shrmpton	17	4	4	9	14	26	16
Sheff Utd	17	4	3	10	23	33	15
QPR	17	3	6	8	15	26	15
Luton	17	2	5	10	11	37	11

MATCH FACTS

At Villa Park. Att: 23,713. Ref: A Buksh
Home League record v Leeds: P 28, W 14, D 8, L 6

HT: 0-1.	ASTON VILLA 1	LEEDS UTD 4
Scorers:	Yorke 68	Wallace 40, Sterland 47, Chapman 56, 90
Bookings:	McGrath 58	—
Subs:	Cowans 68 (Blake)	—

	ASTON VILLA		LEEDS UTD	
Shots (on target/total)	5	12	9	14
Corners (left/right)	1	3	4	5
Crosses (left/right)	9	19	15	19
Free kicks/pen conceded	14	—	9	—
Offsides		8		14
Possession (gained/lost)	41	98	41	98

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
L Sealey	—	—	—	—	—
D Kubicki	1	—	4	1	2
S Staunton	—	—	—	1	1
S Teale	1	1	—	3	—
P McGrath	—	—	5	2	—
K Richardson	—	2	5	5	—
A Daley	—	1	3	—	1
C Regis	1	—	—	—	2
D Atkinson	3	—	—	1	1
M Blake	2	—	—	—	—
D Yorke	4	2	2	—	1
G Cowans	—	—	—	—	—
Unused: U Eniogu					

LEEDS UTD (5-3-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
J Lukic	—	—	—	—	1
M Sterland	3	—	5	2	—
A Dorigo	1	6	1	1	1
D Batty	1	2	2	—	2
C Fairclough	—	—	1	1	1
C Whyte	—	—	—	2	—
G Strachan	1	3	6	—	1
Rod Wallace	2	1	3	1	2
L Chapman	4	—	—	1	3
K McAllister	2	1	—	—	2
J McClelland	—	2	1	—	—
Unused: C Shutt, S Hodge					

ALTHOUGH both sides enjoyed periods of pressure, the service to the Leeds forwards from Sterland and Dorigo proved the key factor; Villa's Daley largely ineffectual (just four crosses and no shots) due to attention from Fairclough. Leeds were unlucky not force more than their 14 goal attempts (equalling their number of offsides), Wallace, in particular, having difficulty in reading Villa's offside trap.

☐ *By Julian Dasborough*

Wright may play for Liverpool

MARK Wright is likely to return to the Liverpool first team in their Uefa Cup third-round tie with Swarovski Tirol in Austria on Wednesday.

The England centre half has managed just two appearances for the club since his £2.2 million summer move to Anfield. He was struck down by an Achilles injury at Luton on August 21.

Wright came safely through 45 minutes of a Liverpool B match against Manchester City on Saturday, his second game in four days.

Barry Venison, another Achilles victim, managed 90 minutes in the B team, to further encourage Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager.

However, Ronny Rosenthal, the Israeli international, damaged his collarbone in Liverpool's goalless draw at Wimbledon on Saturday and will be out for a minimum of three weeks. He joins John Barnes, Ronnie Whelan, Ian Rush, Steve McMahon, Mark Walters, Ray Houghton and Mike Hooper, the goalkeeper, under treatment. Souness is "hopeful" that Walters, McMahon and Houghton could be fit for Wednesday evening.

The ineligibility of the new signing, Rob Jones, and a suspension for David Burrows, as well as Uefa's four "foreigners" rule, further restrict Souness's options.

Reserves Steve Harkness and Jamie Redknapp, the latter a substitute on Saturday, will be in the squad, and Harkness looks certain to play in place of the suspended Burrows.

Souness will be hoping for a return to form against Swarovski, who were runners-up in the Austrian league last season.

Smart Seles in final again

FROM BARRY WOOD
IN NEW YORK

THE most significant aspect of the Virginia Slims championship semi-finals, played before more than 18,000 spectators at Madison Square Garden, was not the fact that Monica Seles and Martina Navratilova won but the ease of their victories.

Seles has reached the final of all 16 tournaments she has played this year, equalling a record held by Steffi Graf, and she took only 48 minutes to dismiss Gabriela Sabatini 6-1, 6-1.

Navratilova would have overcome Jana Novotna just as smoothly if she had not had a quite absurd lapse late in the second set. Instead, she had to be content with winning 6-1, 6-4 in 55 minutes.

Sabatini seemed to have absolutely no idea of how to stem the Seles tide. "I didn't even have a chance to lose my confidence," she said.

The ability of Seles to suffocate any creative ideas that Sabatini might have harboured, by unleashing a constant barrage of groundstroke aggression, does not disguise the fact that Sabatini is again struggling to assert herself at the highest level.

Far too often, she appears unable to fathom a way of preventing her opponents playing to their strengths and so is unable to stamp her own authority on the match.

Now, having had the mathematical opportunity of taking over the No. 1 ranking earlier this year, she appears to be doomed to act as the perpetual bridesmaid.

Novotna is another unpredictable player. She began the year by winning in Sydney and reaching the final of the Australian Open. She also won in Oklahoma and reached the final in Leipzig.

Yet she was sluggish and totally out of touch against Navratilova. Had the American, chasing a record 158th career title, not self-destructed on her service in the second set then Navotna would have been totally humiliated.

Navratilova was far more ready for business and dropped only one point in the first three games. Navotna responded by going into a sulk, which even Navratilova's second-set wobble failed to lift.

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Ackford splinters World Cup pack

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Ackford's announcement yesterday of his decision to retire from international and club rugby represents the first fragment lost from England's grand slam and World Cup final pack.

The Harlequins lock, who will be 34 in February, won his 22nd cap in the World Cup final against Australia. He cited "self-preservation" as a substantial reason for going, on the basis that England must introduce new blood to their ageing pack this season, rather than later. Ackford's decision will crystalise the thinking of the England management.

None of the England front row seems set to go, while Wade Dooley, aged 34, has yet to come to a decision. Were he to opt for a final international season, it would probably be alongside Nigel Redman, the Bath lock, who was first capped in 1984.

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, said yesterday: "All the countries in the five nations' championship will be delighted by Paul's retirement. He leaves a big gap for us to fill.

"He has changed the nature of jumping at the front of the lineout. His general workrate and his tackling skills were also important to our recent successes."

Both Ackford and Dooley, his partner in 20 internationals, believe that one of them was due to be dropped in the five nations' championship. However, Cooke said: "The principle for change has been and remains that the player brought in must convince us that he can do a better job than the man in possession." It is inconceivable that Cooke would have jeopardised England's chances of another grand slam by bringing in an inferior lock.

Dooley said: "I tried to influence Paul to stay and I am disappointed. Whether I stay depends on others. A mass exodus would sway me into joining them.

"Paul is a world-class player, the best I've come across."

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Wattana has adjusted focus

BY PHIL YATES

IN THAILAND, Wattana Pu Od Orm is recognised as the most popular sporting son of the nation. In Britain, where he is known as James Wattana, he has earned the reputation of being an underachiever during his first two seasons as a professional snooker player.

However, at Preston on Saturday, Wattana, aged 21, beat Steve Davis, the world No. 2, by 9-6 in the sixth round of the £200,000 UK Open championship in a match which may prove a turning point. "Unrelenting brilliance" was the way Davis chose to describe the performance of his conqueror.

It was not the first time that Wattana had beaten Davis. He recorded a 5-2 victory in the semi-final of the World Series Challenge in Hong Kong 15 months ago and went on to win the tournament. But this latest victory, over the best-of-17 frames, was much more significant.

So, too, was the undisguised admiration for Wattana's play from Davis. "I've played a lot worse than that and won hundreds of matches," he said. "He produced snooker of the highest standard, and it's something you don't want to run into."

Wattana compiled three century breaks during his 9-2 trouncing of Alain Robidoux in the previous round and made eight half-centuries against Davis, most initiated by the kind of long-potting of reds it is impossible to combat.

Spectacular feats have been a regular feature of Wattana's play since he turned professional in June 1989. In his first tournament, the Asian Open in Bangkok, his home town, Wattana reached the final, with Mike Hallett, Terry Griffiths and Doug Mountjoy among his victims. A semi-final place in the Rothmans Grand Prix later in the year confirmed him as the brightest prospect on the circuit.


Wattana: important win

After the honeymoon came the inevitable setbacks for one so inexperienced. With a flimsy base of inconsistent results in ranking events throughout the 1990-1 season, a successful world championship campaign was imperative for Wattana to claim the top 16 place which had seemed guaranteed. His 10-8 defeat in the final qualifying round by Craig Edwards, a journeyman professional, was the last straw.

Wattana's manager, Tom Moran, increasingly frustrated by the gulf between his client's form in practice and that in matches, sought outside guidance to cure a lack of concentration, enlisting David Hemery, winner of the gold medal in the 400 metres hurdles at the 1968 Mexico Olympics, who is now a sports psychologist.

In a single telephone conversation, Hemery successfully outlined the importance of correct focusing and positive rehearsal. Wattana absorbed the advice totally.

Wattana's English is broken, if improving. However, the message after his defeat of Davis was clear. "I concentrated really well. I remember not to miss the easy ones at last," he said.

Jimmy White, who has appeared in the quarter-finals of this event eight times in ten years, yesterday produced his best form of a relatively disappointing season to establish a 7-1 lead over Darren Morgan.

White was immediately into his stride with a 117 clearance in the first frame and put together further runs of 69, 86, 46, 40, 44 and 61 in the following frames.

Jason Prince, 56th in the rankings, recovered from the loss of the opening two frames to win five of the next six and lead Dean Reynolds by 5-3.

SOUTH ROUND: J Wattana (Thai) bt S Davis (Eng), 9-6; S Hendry (Scot) bt M Clark (Scot), 9-2; J White (Eng) beat D Morgan (Wales), 7-1; J Prince (N Ire) beat D Reynolds (Eng), 5-3.